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THE PORTSMOUTH RACE

OF

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COMPRISING

RICHARD MONSON

(At Portsmouth, N. H., 1663)

AND HIS DESCENDANTS

BEING A CONTRIBUTION TO

The Genealogy and History of Five Generations

(With some Extensions in Part II)

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"A book, however, is the only immortality."

RUFUS CHOATE, *Reminiscences*, p. 239.

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The Author communes at the threshold with fellow-workers,—Listen :

"What, man! more water glideth by the mill
Than wots the miller of."

Shakspere, *Titus Andronicus*, ii. 1.

"Industrious persons, by an exact and scrupulous diligence and observation, out of monuments, names, words, proverbs, traditions, private records and evidences, fragments of stories, passages of books that concern not story, and the like, do save and recover somewhat from the deluge of time."

Bacon, *Advancement of Learning*, Bk. ii.

"History is the essence of innumerable biographies."

Thomas Carlyle, *On History*.

"Perhaps nobody is indispensable in history."

Prof. A. B. Hart, Harvard.

"The interest, not to say the value, of history, depends chiefly upon details."

Leonard Bacon, *Historical Discourses*.

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FOREWORD.

While the Author was industriously accumulating information in regard to the descendants of Captain Thomas Munson, a pioneer of New-Haven, he discovered Richard Monson, an ancient citizen of Portsmouth, whom it was impossible (in existing light) to connect with the New-Haven Race by any relationship this side of the Atlantic.

MYRON A. MUNSON.

He visited Portsmouth and made a study of records there, and in neighboring towns, by which he was confirmed in the impression that Richard was the originator of a distinct Race of Munsons. As time wore on, people were coming to his knowledge in considerable numbers, whose ancestry was traced either by absolute proof or by reasonable conjecture to Richard Monson. The investigator again visited the Portsmouth region and was further enlightened. He became acquainted with prominent members of the Family, personally with William B. Munson of Colchester, Vt., and Mrs. Frances A. Benedict of Brooklyn, N. Y.: by correspondence with Thomas V. Munson of Denison, Tex.,

Alfred S. Manson of Boston,* and Henry C. Munson of Baring, Me.

It was found wholly impracticable to prepare an adequate account of the Portsmouth Race for combination with that of the New-Haven Race in one publication, and the effort was abandoned.

ALBERT C. MASON.

Early in 1906, Mr. Albert C. Mason of Franklin, Mass., a druggist, who had the good fortune to marry one of the Munson daughters of Machias, wrote the Author of "The Munson Record," suggesting the inquiry whether there might be some coöperation between us in working out the story of Richard and his posterity. The proposal was welcomed. A new impulse was thus given to the undertaking, and again the present writer resorted to the Portsmouth neighborhood for research, so that his explorations in that region have included Portsmouth, Exeter, Dover, Rochester, Milton, Concord, Kittery, Alfred, Wells, Scarboro and Portland.

Mr. Mason continued his pursuit of knowledge with zeal and effectiveness. He has made discoveries of signal inter-

* Later, i.e., Nov., 1899.

est and value in the field that has been especially cultivated by Mr. Munson, and two or three are of such value as to be deserving of distinct mention in this place. The most important part of what we know in regard to Richard the First's son Capt. James[2] Monson and the first generation of his posterity is due to Mr. Mason's efforts. Again, my coadjutor discovered the removal of John[3] from Kittery to Scituate, Mass., thus introducing us to an acquaintance with an interesting branch. Some very important facts touching Robert of Scarboro, the father of Joseph, pioneer of Machias, have been brought to light by Mr. Mason. To him moreover we owe nearly all our knowledge of William[4], of Gorham, Me., great-grandson of Richard[1].

Mr. Mason designs to continue his researches, first and foremost in the Machias branch, the descendants of Joseph of Scarboro; and secondly, and thirdly (we trust) along other lines, as opportunity may permit and enable him to do. May the readers of this paragraph enjoy the product of his exertions in printed form.

Sources of Information.—Most of the material of the book, and a larger proportion of its value, has been obtained from original sources. The raw material is scant, rendering the efforts of the historian exceptionally difficult. Stackpole, author of "Old Kittery and Her Families," 822 pp., 1903, says, "The records of the family are very meager in Kittery." In default of information, he devotes nine lines to this Family! Titus, an antiquarian of large experience, with whom "difficult questions are a specialty," declares that, "Material is scarce on the family." To these declarations every investigator must assent.

Some information has been gained by personal interviews, but they have not been very numerous and they have seldom been very illumining. Correspondence, in several cases, has yielded very valuable statistics and other particulars of a general character.

Sundry Explanations.—I do not pretend that our investigations have been exhaustive. Quite otherwise. The material in my possession I have utilized in such manner and to such extent as seemed feasible and expedient. It has been my aim to use all I had relating to the first five generations; attention to the sixth and seventh generations is more fragmentary and selective. This work is an ESSAY, *a contribution toward* the plenary work which at the present moment is not within our reach.

As to form, the index-figure indicates one's generation, Richard Monson being reckoned as the first. Within the parentheses following the name of the party who constitutes the subject of a family section, is his lineage.

The abbreviations are generally too plain to require explanation. A few of the most frequent and most important are: *b.* for born, *bp.* for baptized, *m.* for married, *d.* for died, *ae.* for aged, ch. for children or church; ye denotes the, and yt that.

Monitions.—I quote from THE MUNSON RECORD: "That injustice to some of the earlier members of the Family may be avoided, it should be remembered in reading that one made his mark instead of writing his name, how different the customs then were in respect to education, and how scant the facilities, especially for girls; and in reading of such a use of ardent spirits as would now be disreputable and immoral, it should be remembered that the best customs of the olden time justified such use. Let it be observed also that any rudeness in the language of wills, conveyances, and other instruments, is usually to be credited to some uncultivated official who was employed to write them."

Acknowledgments.—Among those deserving credit for contributions of historical information, Mr. A. C. Mason is preëminent.* Next in merit, perhaps, was the venerable William B. Munson. Others are T. V. Munson, Mrs. Eva

* Mr. M. received some aid from C. W. Tibbetts, ed. *New Hamp. Gen. Record.*

K. Manson, Nathaniel Manson Jones, Miss Elizabeth E. Manson, and Henry C. Munson of Baring, Me.

My debt to printed books is comparatively slight. The histories of Framingham, the vital statistics of Scituate, and Who's Who in America, are the most prominent in my recollection.

Very useful courtesies have been extended by the custodians of public records (civic) and those of churches. I do not recall any instance of churlishness in connection with these inquiries. Signal favor was shown me by Clarence M. Prince, town-clerk of Kittery; and I remember pleasurably the friendly offices extended by the custodians of the State archives at Concord. A facsimile of the autograph of Richard the First, which I had seen while at Concord, was subsequently made for me by the gentleman who keeps watch and ward over the antique manuscripts, Mr. Hammond.

As to the NAME.—Before ending this foreword, it seems incumbent to remark upon the Family name. The New-Haven family, for five generations, all recognized as their surname, *Munson*. Only an exceedingly small percentage have deviated from the mode of their ancestors; their mode of deviating substitutes o for u, thus—Monson. None has ever changed to Manson.

Richard[1] the First, of Portsmouth, always spelled thus. The public scribes wrote his name, so far as my memoranda testify—twice, "Munson," three times, "Manson," and sixteen times, "Monson." There has been the same diversity through succeeding generations, both in the usage of the Family, and of public scribes. Many persons have been indifferent in regard to spelling, using different modes in the same document.

In a conveyance to James, dated 1794, the scribe names him Manson, but a gloss in the margin explains that the citizen intended is "Monson"; in the third line below we

have James Monson; again occurs Manson; and twice again Monson!

In a deed by which Noah[4] purchased five acres in 1802, his name is twice spelled Monson and twice Manson. A conveyance from Noah[4] to Thomas[4] in 1791, was signed by Noah as Monson and by his wife Mary as Manson.

William[5], son of the founder of the Colchester branch, used to say that some of the Munsons where he formerly lived were called Mansons, but that he preferred Munson. The members of that vigorous division of the Family (the Colchester) uniformly use Munson as their surname, and the numerous descendants of Joseph, of Machias, have the same custom. The descendants of Richard[1] the First dwelling nowadays in southeastern New-Hampshire and southwestern Maine, usually spell and pronounce, *Manson*. However, the town-clerk of Kittery informed me that some of the people still call the name Monson.

Mrs. Dennis Manson remarked to me, in 1906, that when she came to Kittery fifty years ago, the prevailing pronunciation was Monson. She appealed to her husband for his testimony as to whether such was the pronunciation at that period, and he replied with great emphasis, "ALWAYS *Monson* till forty or fifty years ago."

"The Art Preservative."—In consequence of my advancing years, I am very desirous that our knowledge of the earlier generations of the Portsmouth Race to which my labors have been especially devoted and for which I am especially responsible, should be put into permanent form by the printing-press, before it is practicable to complete the preparation of those extensive portions of the Family history which deal with neglected segments and especially with the later generations. Hence this publication, in 1910.

Myron A. Munson

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RICHARD MONSON AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

1.

Richard[1] *m.* Esther; he *d.* 1702, she surviving. Fisherman; Cong.; res. Portsmouth,* New Hampshire.

Children:

2. i. John[2], "eldest Son and heir."
3. ii. Samuel[2]. (Order of names after John[2] uncertain.)
4. iii. Esther[2].
5. iv. James[2].
6. v. Richard[2], Jun[r].

A list of "Reputed Inhabitants & free coñyners unto y[e] yeere 1657," in the Town Records of Portsmouth, Vol. I, includes no Monson name. A division of land in 1660 "to such inhabitants as hitherto had little or none given them," benefited no Monson. There was Congregational preaching in the town as early as 1640; Rev. Joshua Moody began his ministry there in 1658; yet lists of those who subscribed in 1658 and in 1666 "to the maintainance of y[e] ministry" do not contain this name.

The first record in which Richard Monson appears belongs to Nov. 1, 1663: James Drew sells Richard Manson, fisherman, of Portsmouth, "All that halfe & halfend eale of all that Dwelling house & eight acres of Land, . . . in Portsmouth, & . . all . . wayes, pathes, passages, Trees, woods, und[r]woods, coñons," etc., etc.,—the con-

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* The only seaport of New Hampshire is PORTSMOUTH, but its harbor can accommodate 2000 vessels. At that port, the first settlers of the future State landed in the spring of 1623, and here and at Dover they began settlements. The beautiful name STRAWBERRY BANK was the designation of the town until 1653,† and it continued to be the designation of a portion of the town. The settlement was designed primarily as a fishing station. Portsmouth is almost equidistant (about fifty miles) from Boston, Concord and Portland.

† Mass. Col. Rec., III. 309, quoted by Palfrey, I. 592.

sideration being £19 10 sh: 20 sh in money, "five barrells of mackerell, and y^e^ residue . . . . . in good wel cured wel condiĉoned ffish."

Of the three witnesses to this conveyance, James Manson is the first, signing by "his mark"; and the doings are "acknowledged" 16 Jan. 1664.

This purchase appears to have been Richard's residence the rest of his life, thirty-nine years; and depositions made by John Jackson in 1699 indicate that it was located "At the Water Side," in the vicinity of "a Little Runn of Water" known as "Richard Monson's Brooke."

An interest in this property appears to have been resigned by Samuel Drew the next year for £22: "All that Moyetie half & halfend eale of all those eight Acres."

Richard[1] of "Strawberry banke, in ye Countie of portsm^o^ & Dover," added to his real-estate 8 March 1670 by purchasing from Samuel Whidon a house and a quarter of an acre of land . . . "being Joyned upon y^e^ Land of y^e^ s^d^ Richard Monson."

The Congregational Christians of the community were organized into a church in 1671. A list of 158 members bearing the date of this year has "Monson" as the 64th. Among the women recorded as members in 1699 was "Monson."

"ffree Subscriptions towards m^r^ Moodys Mayntenance for y^e^ yeare 1671," began to be taken the 17th day of March at the Meeting-house. One will contribute "1 bushell Corne," some the same as before, or what they can, or will pay m^r^ Moody, and two "will not subscribe." The subscriptions range from 2^s^ 6^d^ to £5. Of 166 names, the 97th is—Rich: Munson, 5^s^.

Agreeably to a law of the General Court passed in May 1677, sixteen tythingmen were appointed by the town to give attention to ten or twelve of "theire Neighbours famylies," with a view to guarding the Lord's-Day from

profanation. Only the minister's family was excepted from surveillance. Ric: Manson belonged to the group assigned to Tho. Jackson,—believed by "Rambles about Portsmouth" to have been "on the South road."

In May or probably June of this year (1677) "Richard Monson" was one of the appraisers of the estate of "Robart Monson," Isles of Shoales.

Thomas Rice in 1680 (June 28) conveyed to Richard[1] Monson of Portsmouth, "fisherman," "a Tract of Land lying & being in Spruse Creeke in y^e^ Towne of Kittery,"—a transaction of much influence in the history of Richard's family. The next year, 16th Aprill, "Richard[2] Munson, Jun^r^" testified that Rice gave possession of the land to "Richard[1] Munson Seno^r^." Three years later (June 16, 1684), John Wincall, surveyor, "measured and laid out" these thirty-two acres "on y^e^ West Side of Spruce Creek upon ox point" in Kittery. He states that the tract contains "a little piece of Salt Marsh," and that it runs back "into y^e^ woods a hundred & Sixty pole North Northwest & Thirty Two pole in y^e^ breadth."

In the Province Rate for the town of Portsmouth 24 Sept. 1681, there is set against the name of Rich. Monson 4£ 8^s^. Town rates were delivered to the constable 9th December 1688, about 252 names being assessed, and the total tax amounting to £102; sixteen persons paid pounds, the rest shillings; Richard[1] Monson, 9^s^. A month later (apparently), Jan. 3, 1688, there is record of rates "for Dischargein of the Prouence debts;" R.[1] M. Sen r paid 1^s^, Richard Monson Ju r, 9^d^.

The names of both Richards appear in "A list of Straubrey banke Constable rate for the Provence;" total, £15 13^s^. "A list of Straubury bank rate for the Towne Stoke of Powder," is preserved under date of July 1690; the charge against R.[1] M. sen^r^ is 2^s^; against R.[2] M. Juneor, 1^s^. There is record of a "Rate made for the poore: the

proportion of the rate for Straubery bank Constable:" against the name of Richard[1] Monson stands 3[s] 2[d].

In the winter of 1689-90, Monson was one of those who petitioned the Governor and Council of Massachusetts Bay, that they extend over the petitioners their government and protection: Mr. Monson signed by his mark, R*

The seating of the meeting-house was an important event in the times which we are studying. An assignment in Portsmouth was published March 13, 1693: eight men, including Rich[d] Monson, were located in the "5th seat before y[e] Minister;" and seven women, including "Goody Monson," were located in the "3d Seat fronting y[e] Pullpet."

And now, 21 Aug. 1695, in the 32nd year of our acquaintance with Pioneer Monson, we find him acquiring additional real-estate. Read in Ports. Rec., vi. 89, the items following:

James Drew of Portsm[o] . . . . sells Richard[1] Monson "one Msuage or Tennement of house and Lands, Garden and Orchards" . . . in Portsm. . . "part whereof Adjoins to the s[d] Rich[d] Monsons Land where He now Liveth, and on the North w[st] Side of s[d] Monsons Land butting on a Point of Land on the East," etc., etc.

It will be recalled that Monson made his first purchase (in 1663) of James Drew.

The tract of 32 acres at "Spruse Creeke" in Kittery (adjoining Portsmouth on the northeast) which Monson acquired in 1680, was conveyed 15 Dec. 1701 to his eldest son John[2],† (*apparently* not far from the time of his marriage).

Mr. Richard[1] Monson departed this life sometime previously to the end of November 1702. His "Widdow",

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* Coll. N. H. Hist. Soc., viii. 296.

† An aged citizen, David Kean Manson, told me in 1906 that this neighborhood (Spruce Creek) used to be called Mansonville, and that it is sometimes so designated still.

Esther Manson, was appointed administratrix on the estate 14 Dec. 1702. He is spoken of as "Late of . . Portsm°," and "ffisherman."

The interesting document which follows was transcribed by me in part in 1883 from the records of the Probate Office in Exeter, and the residue from the State archives at Concord in 1906.

"An Inventory of the Estate of Richard[1] Monson of Portsmouth in the Province of New Hampshire, taken and apprized by George Snell and John Abbott Nov[br] ultimo 1702.

	£	s
"to his dwelling House and out Houses with eight acres of Land belonging to itt, Stage, and ffishing Rooms	£95	
to a House and the Land belonging to it purchased of Nathaniel Drew	£75	
to 70 Quintles of ffish by Estimation in the warehouse at 8[s] p Quintle	£28	
to a Beame & Skales with a Leaden ½ C[wt]		1.12
to a Sloops Gibb		2.
to a parcel of New and old Calk		1.10
to 3 Barrells of mackerell		3.
to 2 Shallops with Sales, Rigging and ffishing Craft at 4£ each [£40 each]		80.
to two Cows		6.
to one Steer of two years old and one Yearling		2. 5[s]
to six Sheep at 7[s] p		2. 2[s]
to 4 Piggs at 12[s] p		2. 8*

"In the Bedroome

	£	sh
"to one ffeather Bedd, Bolster, 2 pillows, Curtains. Vallains, a Rugg, one Coverlett, two Blankets and Bedstead	7	10
to one Large Chest with a Drawer in itt		18

* What follows was copied at Concord.

		sh	
to one old Chest and a Trunk		12	
to three Cotton Sheets	£ 1	4sh	
to his wearing apparell, viz., three Coats, 1 waist-coat, one pr. Briches, one hatt, 1 shirt, two neck cloaths	£ 4	sh 10	
	£14	s 14	

"In the Hall

"to three Gunns at 16s each	£ 2	8sh	
to 8 pewter plates at 4s each	1	12	
to 3 pewter potts, 1 dish, tumbler and porringer		sh 4	d 6
to Earthen ware		s 2	
to 1 Spinning wheel and an old Chair		s 4	
to a Table and an old chest		s 9	
to a spade and an Ax		s 6	
	£ 5	s 5	d 6

"In the Leanto

		s
"to a chease press an a parcelle of old Cask		12

"In the Chambers

"to an old ffeather Bedd, Bolster, Pillows, 2 Blankets and two small Ruggs	£ 4	
to a Brass Kettle	£ 2	

"In the Kitchin

		s
"to one Iron pott		2
		s
to one Bell mettle ditto		10
		s
to one Brass Kettle		10
		s
to two Iron ditto		9
		s
to two Skimmers		2
to a Brass Skillett		2s 6d
to a fire shovel and tongs, two Trammels, frying pann, one spitt, a Dripping pann and grid iron	£ 1	

to two pewter porringers, two platters & 6 spoons	6^s
to 4 old Chairs	4^s
to 1 old Cupboard	2^s
to Trenchers, Bowles, and other wooden ware	3^s
to a Grindstone	3^s
	3.13. 6

Total £329 2^s
taken this last Nov^{br} 1702"

John[2], son of Richard[1], inherited from his estate a fishing Shallop with tackell and furniture,—engaging however to supply his Mother with five cords of wood yearly "at a convenient landing place in spruce Creek;" Esther, a daughter, received twelve acres "in y^e woods"; and other sons, Samuel and James, are on record as making certain adjustments relative to the estate.

The glimpses we have obtained of Mr. Richard Monson's life—or the last thirty-nine years of it—are interesting and gratifying. We are obliged to conceive of him as a man of ability, industry and thrift; evidence for this view of him is found in his very respectable property. The records reflect no blame upon him, while the indications are that he discharged his obligations to civil government and to the church with faithfulness. He *made his mark*, not only in signing his name, but also in accomplishing worthy objects. His character and career, so far as we can become acquainted with him, are highly creditable, and his posterity may contemplate their venerable progenitor with satisfaction.

2.

John[2] (Richard[1]) *m.* Lydia; he *d.* prob. end of 1747, she surviving. Mariner; res. Kittery,* Maine.

* Kittery, Me., is on the northeast bank of the Piscataqua river, by which it is divided from Portsmouth, N. H. It was settled in 1623. Spruce Creek affords a convenient harbor for vessels, which have been employed mainly in fishery† and the coasting trade. Ship-building has been an important industry. The place is noted as the seat of a United States navy-yard, and it has the

Children:

i. Anne³ *b.* 21 June 1703.
7. ii. John³ *b.* 28 May 1705.
8. iii. Samuel³ (order uncertain).
9. iv. Joseph³ " "
10. v. Lydia³ " "

We have already seen, that in 1701, John² obtained by gift of his father 32 acres in Spruce Creek, Kittery. "Rich^d¹ Monson of Portsm^o" proclaimed in the 13th year of William, sovereign of England, Scotland, France and Ireland—the 15th Dec. 1701, as follows: "For y^e Naturall love I have and doe bear unto my beloved son John² Monson . . of Kittery . . in y^e Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England," I convey to him "my house and land in y^e Township of Kittery aforesaid, lying and being scituate on y^e South of Spruce Creek,"—32 acres, purchased of Thomas Rice.

Signed with Richard's R, and a witness is Samuel² Monson.

Just a year and one day later, Dec. 16, 1702, John² recorded an acknowledgment which is here quoted:

"These may certifye . . . that whereas Richd¹ Monson of Portsm^o . . . . late deceased, who died Intestate, and administration granted unto Esther Monson widow and Relict of sd Richd Monson: now know . . . . . that I John² Monson eldest Son and heir to sd Richd Monson deceased, do hereby acknowledge to

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greater distinction of having been the birthplace‡ and residence of Sir William Pepperell. Moreover, I think no other town has numbered among its natives and citizens so many descendants of Richard¹ Monson.

† A Kittery record illustrates the importance of the fishing industry and the popularity of intoxicants a century and a half ago, to wit:—A town-meeting, 30 Jan. 1755, Sir William Pepperell being moderator, complained of an excise on wines and spirituous liquors which had been imposed by the British Government: "Their trade and navigation . . . is now confined almost wholly to a small fishery . . . their Sole Dependance for Introducing money to enable them to Pay their Taxes . . . . this now their only Branch of trade . . . [and the excise will have a] tendency to drive fishermen out of this town."

‡ 1696.

have received of my said Mother Esther Monson . . . One fishing Shallop with all the furniture belonging to said shallop, which said shallop, with all the tackell and furniture—together with what already received in my father Monson's days, I do hereby accept off, in full of my portion as heir to said deceased estate . . . . . I do further promise and engage myself to deliver unto my said Mother Esther Monson five cord of wood to her or her order att a convenient landing place in spruce Creek, yearly. . . . . .

"Esther Monson his Mother also appeared,—also her son Sam[ll]² Monson,—who freely agreed to what is above Entered . . . Jan[ry] 25, 1702 [1703]."

The subject of this sketch next comes to view ten years later, Sept. 1, 1712, in an "Estimate of y[e] yearly Income of y[e] Real Estates of ye Severall Freeholders" of Kittery—John² Monson, £3.

Garrison Houses in Kittery, 1722: No. 23, Richard Rogers, John Monson and family.

Nine years pass, when these items appear:

A List of horses Entered 1729.—"A Mouse Couloured Mayr, abo[t] two years old, the Top of Right Ear Cutt of, belonging to John² Monson."

List Entered Apr. 10, 1730.—"A Red Mayr with a white face about Seven Years old belonging to John² Monson."

After five years, in 1735 (Nov. 17), this man of the sea appears in the following: John² Monson of Kittery, Province of Massachusetts Bay, "marriner," for £5 transfers to William Pepperell of Kittery, "all my Part, Portion, or Proportion of, in and unto the Common & Undivided Lands within the Townships of Kittery and Berwick." Proprietors of Kittery, 1744: No. 8 in Rocky Hill Common, John Munson.

In the probate records at Alfred, Maine, vii. 134, we have the Will of John² Manson (margin, Monson), of Kittery, made in 1734 (Dec. 6). His son Samuel³ is nominated as executor. "Jan[r] 5, 1747. S[r] William Pep-

perell* Bart and Joseph Plaisted, Esq. appeared and made Oath that they were present and did see the within named John² Manson, the Testator Sign and Seal and heard him declare the said Instrument as his last Will & Testament." The Will is said to have been "approved" Jan. 4.

Among the items specified in the Inventory of the estate are his walking-cane $^{40}/$ and a warming-pan $^{80}/$. The testator mentions his wife Lydia, son Samuel³, son Joseph³, and daughter Lydia³. One of the bequests is that of twelve acres on Spruce Creek to his grandson Samuel⁴, "the Eldest heir" of his son Samuel³.

Mr. Monson was a seafaring man, as we have noticed. His respectability is suggested at least by his relations with Pepperell, the most distinguished man of his age on this side of the Atlantic. More influential in suggestiveness to the same effect, however, is the testimony concerning the expensive, the aristocratic cane which is mentioned in his Will.

3.

Samuel² (Richard¹) *m.* Rebecka; *m.* 2nd Mary Peirce; he *d* in 1761, wife surviving. Yeoman;† Cong.; res. Portsmouth, N. H.

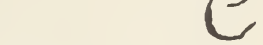
Children:

11. i. Samuel³ *bp.* 16 Apr. 1721, Rec. of North Ch.
12. ii. Mary³ *bp.* 16 Apr. 1721, Rec. of North Ch.
13. iii. Sarah³ *bp.* 16 Apr. 1721, Rec. of North Ch.

In 1704, Dec. 13th, Samˡˡ² Monson obtained from his brother James² his interest in the estate of their deceased father; and in 1706, Mch 26th, Samuel² ("& Rebecka my

* The greatest merchant and the greatest soldier in the Colonies.

† In Eng., citizens next to the gentry; U. S., men who own and cultivate their own farms; or, the best of "the common people."

wife") for £7 transfers to James² land and buildings. Rebecca's mark, 

In 1708, at Portsmouth, we have "A List for y^e south side of y^e Mill Dam," in which is the name of Sam^ll² Monson.

5 Apriell 1708, Sam^ll² Monson was elected the second of three constables.

August y^e 24^th 1708. "Constabell² Monsons part to Collect & pay to y^e tresurer: is 68:–1:00." (£ s d) This was "A Province Rat." He was also entrusted with the collection of town rates, amounting to 81–13–6.

In 1714 the Constabell sold Edw. Wells two acres "on the easterly side of the Road that Leads towards Sagamore Creek from ye old meeting-house."

Samuel² Manson of P., "Labourer," 28 day of 8^ber 1715 for £40 sells Thomas Berry 50 acres.

John Wentworth, a sea-captain, was appointed by Queen Anne in 1711 a councellor for New Hampshire, and he became lieutenant governor. His son Benning became governor. In 1726, John Wentworth made a sale of land to Samuel²; consideration, £30.

Two or three acres "fronting on y^e Road to Sagamores Creek from y^e Mill Dam," were purchased in 1736 by Sam^ll Manson, Yeoman, the payment being £100. The same year, he sold Evans for £50 land "fronting on y^e highway y^t leads from y^e old Meeting House or Mill Dam." The deed was signed by wife Rebeckah. In 1740 B. Akerman for £40 transferred to Manson three quarters of an acre—"al y^t leads from y^e Road to Sagamores Creek down North-easterly throu y^e s^d Manson^s land to y^e Creek or Cove y^t runs up Between y^e Cotton^s land & y^e s^d Manson^s land to a landing place there."

Nov. 17, 1757, Samuel² Monson of New Hampshire, yeoman, for £320 conveys to J. Norton 120 acres in Baring-

ton, "being the 247 lot in the Sixth Range of Lots in s^d^ Barington, the same that was allowed to me as my Proportion of s^d^ Barington." (The place was incorporated 1722: Samuel[2] a "Proprietor"; his "rate," £1.)

The ancient record of "y^e^ Church of Christ in Portsmouth," has a list of members Feb. 4, 1746-7, which includes "Sam^l2^ Monson."

Yeoman Monson, "being weak in Body," made his Will 21 Nov. 1761, and it was proved Dec. 28th following. He gives:

To his wife Mary "above her Dower or thirds," one Cow and one feather bed with proper "bedding;" as long as she remains his widow, she may have the eastern end of the house, maintenance for the Cow, "ten bushels of apples and Six Barrils of Syder yearleay."

To his grandson Samuel[4] Evans three acres, "to begin at the road & to run down Eastwardly to the Salt Water"; but he is to build and maintain a specified fence, and to deliver £10 to each of four cousins (Sherburnes). To his daughter Mary Evans "one Cow about three years old," and a large square table. To his grandson Daniel Evans "one Heifer of two years old." To grandson Henry Sherburne, his gun. To Ursula Peirce, the dau. of his present wife, a heifer two years old.

"All the rest & residue of my Estate real and Personal I give & bequeath to my granddaughter Mary[4] Monson Daughter of my son Samuel[3] Monson Deceased." (We shall become acquainted with Mary[4] as the wife of Richard[4] Monson.)

4.

Esther[2] (Richard[1]) *m.* John **Cross**, of Rye, N. H.; settled in Kittery; *d.* before 1747.*

* Titus.

Children?

"Whereas . . . . I, John Cross, who married with Esther y[e] Daughter of y[e] Said deceased, as also Daughter of said Administratrix, for divers good causes, but more in Special for y[e] consideration of holding, and Enjoying, all that parcell of land being by Estimation twelve acres . . . belonging unto my father in law Richard[1] Monson deceased, lying and being in y[e] woods whereon my now dwelling hous standeth, I acquit all manner of claime to y[e] estate.

"I am to be . . kept harmless from paying of any debt due from said deceased, by my now Mother in law Esther Monson . . . . . and my Brother in law Sam[ll] Monson . . . . .

16 day of December 1702."

5.

James[2] (Richard[1]) was competent to witness a deed 1 Nov. 1663;* *m.* by Ebenezer Pemberton 21 April 1707 Joanna Thomas: (2d) Rebecca. Mariner, sea-captain; res. Portsmouth and Boston.

Children:

14. i. James[3] *b.* in Boston 8 Jan. 1707-8.
15. ii. Alexander[3].
iii. William[3].
16. iv. Richard[3].
17. v. Elizabeth[3] *b.* 1724.
18. vi. Eleanor[3].

Being of Portsmouth 13 Dec. 1704, James[2] gives up all the interest he has in his father's estate, to his brother Sam[ll][2].

March 26, 1706, being still of Portsmouth, and entitled a "marrener," James[2] purchased of his brother Samuel[2] land and buildings in Portsmouth at a cost of £7.†

* Witness, Nov. 1, 15th Charles II. Instrument acknowledged Jan. 16, 1664.

† In the bounding of the tract, James's "now new hous" is mentioned, and the tract extends "down to the sault water and a little seaward of the old clay pit."

On the 24th of May 1712, "James[2] Monson of Bostone," "marriner," for £35 conveyed to Enoch Barker "one peace of Land and house that stands upon it" in Portsmouth, "beginning at high watter mark at the old fence that was the bounds of old John Jones Land, from thence to Run as Said fence Runs twenty rod, w[ch] ends about ten foot to y[e] Westward of s[d] James Monsons new House," etc.: the land James[2] Monson bought of Sam[ll][2] Monson 26 March 1706.

James[2] Manson, Skooner Mayflower, from North Carolina, entered Boston May 4, 1716.

In 1736, the Captain subscribed for four copies of Prince's *Annals of New England*. The author of this celebrated work was Thomas Prince, pastor of the Old South Church, Boston. The first volume was issued in 1636, the date of Captain Monson's subscription. It is a highly interesting question what prompted this old man of the sea to subscribe for four copies of an historical work by Reverend Mr. Prince. The fact elevates him in our conception.

6.

Richard[2] (Richard[1]). Tax-payer and soldier; res. Portsmouth.

Children?

"Richard Munson Jun[r]" testified 16 Aprill 1681, that Rice gave "Richard Munson Sen[r]" possession of the thirty-two acres at Spruce Creek purchased the previous year.—Records at Alfred, Me.

John ffinecke 12 Jan. 1701 made declaration that Richard Monson Jun[r] was present when Thomas Rice delivered to Richard Monson a deed of 32 acres at Spruce Creek on the 28 June 1680.

Richard[2], so far as records show, spent his days in public service, that is to say, in supporting the government by paying taxes, and in performing military service. His name appears in a list of rates "for Dischargein of the Prouence debts," Jan. 3, 1688, his amount being 9[d]. He appears again in "A list of Straubrey banke Constable rate for the Provence." And yet again, July, 1690, in "A list of Straubury bank rate for the Towne Stoke of Powder," his amount being 1[s].

A reference in State Papers, New Hampshire, probably designates the junior Richard[2]: John Miller served in Will Dam's garrison at Oyster River Nov. 4 to Dec. 5, 1695, "in place of Richard Monson." He appears himself to have been a member of the garrison the preceding November 1st.

7.

John[3], (John[2], Richard[1]) son of John[2] and Lydia, *b.* in K. 28 May 1705; *m.* Anna Rice of Kittery,—intention of *m.* being filed in K. 6 Oct. 1739; 1 ch.; *m.* (2d) in Scituate after 1755 Miriam Curtis; 3 ch. Reputed a seaman, by some a captain. Res. Kittery, Me., and Scituate, Mass.

Children:*

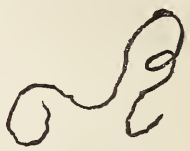
19. i. Richard[4] *b.* 28 Apr. 1741 in Kittery (son of John "and Anne his wife"); *bp.* in church at Kittery as Rich. Manson.
20. ii. Nehemiah[4] *b.* in Scituate 1761.
21. iii. Miriam[4].
iv. Phoebe[4], unm.

John[3] is mentioned in the settlement of his father's estate, 1748, as giving a receipt to his brother Samuel[3], executor.

* William B. Munson, grandson of Richard[4], made a statement to the writer which, with present light, is a little difficult: "The youngest brother of Grandfather was Warren. He came up and lived on one of my father's farms. After grandmother died, he married."

In the records at Alfred, Me., there is information that John[3] Manson and wife Anne signed a petition 20 June 1756,—making their marks (xxxiii, 267).

Anna Rice was administratrix of the estate of her father, Moses Rice, in 1757. In the margin is a facsimile of her autograph.



The descendants of Miriam Curtis have been "mostly seamen or shipbuilders."

There is a family tradition that John[3] served in the "French and Indian War."

There is record testimony concerning his service in the Revolutionary War. It is thus sketched:—

John[3] Manson, private, Lexington Alarm Roll, Capt. Ensign Otis' Co., 2nd Plymouth county Regt., which marched on the alarm of April 19th 1775 from Scituate. Length of service, three days.

Stockbridge's Co., Col. Thomas' Regt., Oct. 7, 1775. Town, Scituate. Enlisted May 10th 1775.

Capt. Wayward Pierce's Co., Col. Jeremiah Hall's Regt., Dec. 10, 1776. Raised at Scituate or Hanover. Served at Bristol, R. I.

Seaman: Brigantine "Tyrannicide," Capt. Allen Hallel. Enlistment, Feb. 17th 1779.

Seaman: Brigantine "Hawk," commanded by Jonathan Oakes. Service under Commander John Manley.

Col. Henry Jackson's Regt., Feb. 27, 1780.

Capt. Allen's Co., Lt. Col. J. Brooks' Regt., who were discharged Jan. 1, 1781.

Discharged by Gen. Washington June 9, 1783.

8.

Samuel[3] (John[2], Richard[1]) *m.* Mary Parker of Kittery,—intentions filed Novembr 15th 1740; *m.* (2d) Eleanor Rogers of K. Sept. 22, 1748; *m.* (3d) Jane Tucker May 31,

1750; he *d.* before Nov. 18, 1796. Cordwainer; Cong.; res. Kittery.

Children:

22. i. Samuel[4], "eldest heir"; Samuel[4] Monson, infant, *bp.* 19 Aug. 1744, "son of Sam[ll]."
23. ii. Benjamin[4] (son of Jane) *b.* 19 Dec. 1752.
24. iii. William[4] *b.* in Kittery.
iv. James[4] (apparently), a seaman of Kittery to whom Samuel[4]'s wife Elizabeth released her right of dower, in 1796.

Jan. 26, 1734—"Samuel[3] Monson, Adult, own'd y[e] Covenant & Baptized."—Records of "Lower Parish in Kittery."

Oct. 10, 1742. Samuel[3] and Mary "admitted into full Communion with the church."

Samuel[3], cordwainer, of Kittery, bought of Joseph[3] of Kittery Sept. 3, 1739, four acres; price, £71. In 1744 he bought of Sarah Moore an interest in 13 acres. In 1746 he bought of J. G. 16 acres in Kittery, bounded on John[2] Monson's, and also "on the Southerly end by the Western Branch of Spruce Creek."

Samuel[3] went on record as a witness in 1745. He was named as executor of his father's Will, which was proved in January 1748; he was appointed and accepted the trust.

Mr. Monson was chosen 11 March 1776 the third of five "Cullers of Staves and Corders of Wood for y[e] Ensuing Year."

9.

Joseph[3] (John[2], Richard[1]) *m.* Mary Leach; she *d. aet.* 92; *m.* (2d) Margaret; he *d.* after Oct. 1, 1800. Shipwright; Cong.; res. Kittery.

Children:

i. Anna[4] (infant) *bp.* 29 June 1740; *m.* Daniel Fernald.
25. ii. Joseph[4] *b.* 20 June 1741.

26. iii. Josiah[4] *bp.* 3 Feb. 1745.
iv. Mary[4] *bp.* 9 Aug. 1747.
27. v. Thomas[4] *b.* 15 July 1748 (son of Mary Leach).
28. vi. John[4] *bp.* 24 May 1752 (son of Joseph and Mary).
29. vii. Sally[4] *b.* 23 Jan. 1765 ("dau. of Joseph and Mary").
30. viii. Margery[4].
31. ix. Noah[4].

Eliz. Curtice 10 Jan. 1738/9 for £250 conveyed to Joseph[3] of K., shipwright, 21 acres, bounded on John Manson's land. The same year, Sept. 3, Joseph[3], shipwright, for £71 conveyed to Samuel[3], cordwainer, 4 acres. Signed by wife Mary, and witnessed by sister Lydia[3].

On the 29th June 1740, Joseph[3] "own'd ye Cov[t]" and was baptized.

A noteworthy transaction was that dated Nov. 1, 1780, by which for £1000 Joseph[3] conveyed to his son Noah[4] of Kittery twelve acres and seventeen acres,—"with all the buildings, farming utensils, Cyder Mill & Press—and all other Implements & Tools whatsoever that I the said Joseph[3] now Own and Possess belonging to Farming and Ship Carpenter business."

Mrs. Mary Monson, disabled by a shock, was helpless for thirty years.

In 1800, Oct. 1, Joseph[3], shipcarpenter, made a purchase of two acres in Kittery.

The Will of Mr. Monson is preserved in the Pro. Rec. at Alfred, xliv, 210. It mentions his wife Margaret, daughters Margery[4] and Annar[4], and sons Joseph[4], John[4] and David[4].

10.

Lydia[3] (John[2], Richard[1]) *m.* John **Pettegrew**; *d.* in Kittery; mentioned in her father's Will.

11.

Samuel[3] (Samuel[2], Richard[1]) *bp.* 1721; *d.* before Nov. 21, 1761. Cordwainer; Cong.; res. Portsmouth.

Children:

32. i. Mary[4] *bp.* 27 Oct. 1745; *m.* Richard[4] (son of John[3], gr'son of John[2]).

April 22, 1740, Samuel[3] Monson Jun[r] of P., cordwainer, sold Jn[o] Cotton 4 acres of land near Sagamore Creek; price, £85.

The town voted 1750 and 1751 that Sam[ll3] Monson Jun. be a tythingman (one of three).

Samuel[2] Monson, Jr., was received into full communion with South Church, Portsmouth, 6 June 1742.

12.

Mary[3] (Samuel[2], Richard[1]) *bp.* 1721; *m.* Rich[d] **Evans.**

Children:

i. Samuel[4], cordwainer; receives by the Will of his grandfather Samuel[2] Monson 3 acres, with the condition that he is to build and maintain a specified fence, and to pay to each of four Sherburne cousins "Ten pounds old Tenor."

ii. Daniel[4], receives by the same Will "one Heifer of two years old."

Mary[3] received by the Will of her father "one Cow about three years old, and a large square Table now Standing in the Room where I now Lay."

13.

Sarah[3] (Samuel[2], Richard[1]) *bp.* 1721; *m.* 25 Nov. 1736 John **Sherburne,** tert[s], of Portsmouth; she *d.* before 21 Nov. 1761.

Children:

i. Rebecca[4], *m.* William Gunnison.

ii. Elizabeth[4], *m.* Edward Aires.

iii. Sarah[4].

iv. Henry[4].

The four children receive £10 each as bequests of their grandfather, and to Henry's heritage is added "my Gun."

14.

James[3] (James[2], Richard[1]) *b.* in Boston 8 Jan. 1708; mother, Joanna. James Manson (identity a little uncertain) and Sarah Whitney were married 20 June 1759.

15.

Alexander[3] (James[2], Richard[1]) *m.* 27 May 1718 Rebecca Grace, Rev. Cotton Mather officiating.

16.

Richard[3] (James[2], Richard[1]) *m.* 6 June 1746 Elizabeth *b.* 16 Nov. 1712 dau. of Rev. Israel Loring of Sudbury, Mass.; *m.* (2d) in 1762 Mary Manson of Portsmouth, N. H.; he *d.* before 1770. Res. Sudbury, Mass.

Child:

33. Frederick[4] *b.* 16 Aug. 1746 in Sudbury.

The muster-roll of Capt. James Gower's company, Col. Jedediah Preble's regiment, 1758, includes Richard Monson; this was presumably the son of Capt. James[2].

17.

Elizabeth[3] (James[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 1724; *m.* 24 Nov. 1749, in Boston, Samuel **Rice** of Kittery, *b.* 1722.

It is alleged that Alexander[4] Rice married Sarah Adams; that their daughter[5] married Ichabod Goodwin, governor of New Hampshire; and that their daughter[6] married Admiral Dewey.

18.

Eleanor[3] (James[2], Richard[1]) *m.* 31 Dec. 1766, in Boston, John **Hume**, who came from Scotland in 1764; settled in Winslow, Me.

19.

Richard[4] (John[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 28 April 1741 in Kittery; *m.* as early as 1761 Mary[4] Monson (dau. of Samuel[3], gr'dau. Samuel[2]); she *d.* probably as early as 1765; *m.* (2d) Susannah Cane 2 Nov. 1768 (Rec. South Ch., Ports.), *b.* 1741; he *d.* 13 April 1813 in Colch., where she *d.* 4 Aug. 1825.

"Yeoman," "husbandman"; res. Portsmouth, Dover, Rochester, Milton, N. H., Colchester, Vt.

Children, all *b.* in N. H.:

i. Samuel[5].
34. ii. Theodore[5] *b.* 7 Nov. 1775 in Dover, N. H.
35. iii. William[5] *b.* 15 May 1776 "in New Hampshire."
36. iv. Daniel[5] *b.* 1778 in Dover, N. H.
v. Polly[5] *b.* in N. H.; unm.; *d.* in Colchester.
vi. Sally[5] *b.* in N. H.; unm.; d. in Colch. Both sisters in their later years lived in Daniel's family.

In 1883, William B.[6] Munson, grandson of Richard[4], was eighty-two years old, having been born Jan. 24, 1801. As his grandfather Richard[4] died in 1813, William B. could have been only twelve years old at that time. Yet he remarked—"I remember my grandfather. He was a small man, and an old man when he came" to Colchester, "about 1810. I have very frequently heard them [his ancestors and their collaterals] speak of The Three Ponds;" a term designating Milton, and still in use thereabout. The final migration of Richard was from Milton. It is improbable that he was a sea-captain,—as William B. supposed, remarking, as evidence, "He taught me to tie all sorts of sailor-knots"; the great majority of his fellow-citizens in early life were fishermen, sailors and shipwrights, and he might easily learn the arts of sea-craft without being a captain or even a mariner. He is described in formal documents, like deeds, either as "yeoman" or as "husband-

man." William B. reported that his father William[5] used to say that some of the Munsons where he formerly lived were called Mansons, but that he preferred Munson.

Mary[4] was Richard[4]'s wife in 1761 and 1763, Feb. 17th. Her son Samuel[5] appears to have died in childhood. Susannah was Richard's wife in 1780 and in 1810.

His residence was in Portsmouth in 1763 and 1780; Dover (app'y), 1775-1778; Rochester (N. H.), 1797, 1798; Milton, 1810.

T. V. Munson learns that in the Portsmouth tax-list for 1765 Richard Monson is marked, "Gone." He re-appears in the list for 1772 and is present thereafter continuously until 1779.

Mary[4] was made residuary legatee of the estate of her grandfather Samuel[2], by his Will of 1761.

Richard[4], yeoman, with his wife Mary[4], Feb. 17, 1763, for £340 old tenor, sold Peter Shores 4 acres in Portsmouth, which Samuel[3] bought of John Cotton. Richard and Mary subscribe by *mark*.

This Monson was one of 497 citizens of Portsmouth who signed the Association Test, in 1776: "We the *Subscribers,* do hereby solemnly engage, and promise, that we will to the utmost of our Power, at the Risque of our Lives and Fortunes, with Arms, oppose the Hostile Proceedings of the British Fleets, and Armies, against the United American Colonies."

While still residing in Portsmouth, Richard[4] 17 March 1780 sold Joshua Brackett for £6000 fourteen acres (with buildings) "lying near Little Harbour where I now live;" which land had been given "to my late wife Mary[4], deceased," granddaughter of Samuel[2],—"and devised to me as heir to my son Samuel[5], a Child lawfully," etc. Richard signs by mark, Susanna writes.

Ten days later, R. T. sold Richard[4] of P., yeoman, for £1340, one half of a lot of land in Rochester, 2nd Division, No. 91.

Monson removes, as appears in the following: Richard⁴ "of Rochester" for $500 sells J. Steele 114 acres—the tract just mentioned,—"the whole of the farm on which I now live," 5 Aug. 1797. The property was re-sold to R. M. the next year, Aug. 18.

And now, 1802, Richard's farm and other northerly regions of Rochester become the town of Milton.

A Town and Parish and Highway tax for 1803, in Milton, included the following:

"Richard⁴ Monson—Polls 1; Houses & Colt & Oxen 2; Cows 2; 1 yr old 2: tillage 1; Mowing & Unimproved Land 44; Building 1. Total Amount 24; County & Town tax $2.40; Parish Tax 72 cts; Highway tax $3.00."

"Daniel⁵ Monson—1 Poll; Oxen 2; Cows 1: Mowing 2; Unimproved Land 60; Building 1. Total Amount 19½; County & Town tax $1.95; Parish tax .58; Highway tax 2.44." There is no doubt that this Daniel was Richard's youngest son.

About 1803-4, a plan of the Meeting House in Milton (situate in what was formerly the "North east Parrish" of Rochester), assigns Pew No. 5 in the Gallery to D. Monson.

A Committee divide the town of Milton into five school-districts Dec. 1, 1806: "Lieut J. Nutes District „N° 2„ Contains the following Inhabitants . . . . Richard Monson, Lt. D. Monson," etc.

Once more: Richard⁴ Manson of Milton, husbandman, for $700 conveys 7 Feb. 1810 to Silas Tuttle of Dover 56 acres, one half in Milton, in the second division in the lot No. 91. Richard⁴ signs by his mark, ×; Susanna writes name.

And now Richard⁴, progenitor of the Colchester Branch of the Portsmouth Race, migrates from New Hampshire to that Vermont town where some, and probably most, if not all his children were already settled. Theodore⁵, in 1830,

removed to Rushville, Illinois; all the others resided in Colchester until death.*

20.

Nehemiah⁴ (John³, John², Richard¹) *b.* 1761 in Sc.; *m.* in Cohasset 10 May 1794 Hannah Lincoln, dau. of Abraham and Sarah; 8 ch.; she *d.* 5 Sept. 1816, *ae.* 44; *m.* (2d) 4 Dec. 1817 Mercy Jenkins, dau. of Gideon and Mercy; 5 ch.; he *d.* 13 Nov. 1832, *ae.* 71. Sea-captain; Cong.; res. Scituate, Mass.

Children, *b.* in Sc.:

i. John⁵ *b.* 9 July 1794; *bp.* 1 Feb. 1802; *d.* 2 Feb. 1802, *ae.* 7 y. 6 m. 23 d.
37. ii. Thomas Lincoln⁵ *b.* 19 Nov. 1796.
iii. Ruthe⁵ *b.* 7 Feb. 1799; *bp.* 9 June 1801; *d.* 13 June 1801, *ae.* 2 y. 4 m.
38. iv. Ruth⁵ *b.* 30 Jan. 1803.
39. v. John⁵ *b.* 9 July 1805.
40. vi. Nehemiah⁵ *b.* 30 March 1808.
41. vii. George⁵ *b.* 28 Sept. 1810.
42. viii. Joel Lincoln⁵ *b.* 18 April 1813.
43. ix. Mercy Lincoln⁵ *b.* 9 Sept. 1818.
x. Davis Jenkins⁵ *b.* 12 Sept. 1820; drowned at sea 9 Sept. 1831, *ae.* 11.
44. xi. William Cushing⁵ *b.* 24 Aug. 1822.
xii. James⁵ *b.* 16 Oct. 1824; drowned 1 Sept. 1830, *ae.* 5 y. 11 m.
xiii. Hannah Lincoln⁵ *b.* 1 March 1830; she "lived in Boston and taught in the Emerson School for many years."

Miss Elizabeth E. Manson writes: "All the sons of Nehemiah⁴ were sea-captains, attaining to that rank usually at an early age. All the sons lived in Scituate, excepting Nehemiah⁵. George died young without children; all the other sons had children."

What an impressive spectacle—the whole family, Nehemiah⁴ and his numerous sons, all sea-captains!

* Richard⁴ and Susannah are buried side by side in Colchester. Richard's name on the gravestone is spelled Munson.

This captain, the distinguished father of captains, performed meritorious service in the Revolutionary War, which is thus sketched:—

Private: Hayward Pierce's Co., Col. Theophilus Cotten's Regt. Mass. Militia, on expedition to Rhode Island, September, 1777.

Seaman on ship "Warren," Com. Saltenstall, on the Penobscot, June, 1779. Account of the expedition in Irving's Life of Washington, vol. ii.

Served under Capt. Calvin Curtis at Warren and Bristol Ferry, 1779.

Volunteered for six months under Capt. J. Turner,—on duty around New York, 1780.

Served under Capt. W. Barker at Butts' Hill, R. I., 1781.

Volunteered for three years under Capt. J. Turner in Capt. Tucker's Continental Regt., Nov. 1781. Transferred to Col. Marshall's Mass. Regt. Afterward detailed for service on Commander-in-Chief's barges.

Honorably discharged December, 1783.

21.

Miriam[4] (John[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *m.* Reuben **Shayler** of Connecticut; he *d.* in Otis, Mass., in 1825.

Children:

i. Ephraim[5], res. Ravenna, Ohio.
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"Most of the children migrated to the West." After Reuben's death, Miriam[4] "followed her son Ephraim to Ravenna." She there ended her days. N. S. Shaler, the celebrated professor of Geology at Harvard, was descended from Miriam. His pioneer ancestors, having lived a while in Jamaica, settled in Haddam, Conn. The professor was born in Kentucky in 1841.

22.

Samuel[4] (Samuel[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *bp.* (infant) 19 Aug. 1744; *m.* Mrs. Elizabeth Nowell of York,—intentions filed 2 Aug. 1766. "Husbandman"; res. Georgetown, Lincoln Co., Me.

Children?

On the 18th November 1796, Samuel[4] Manson of Georgetown for $250 conveyed to James Manson of Kittery, seaman, 12 acres "joyning on Spruce Creek": the property had belonged to Samuel[4]'s grandfather John[2], who gave it by Will "to the Eldest heir of my late Honoured Father Samuel[3] Manson." At the same date, Elizabeth released right of dower to James Manson.

23.

Benjamin[4] (Samuel[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 19 Dec. 1752, son of Jane; *m.* 6 Jan. 1791* Sally[4] *b.* 23 Jan. 1675 (dau. of Joseph[3] and Mary Manson). Res. Kittery.

Children:

i. Benjamin[5] *b.* 17 June 1792.
ii. William[5] *b.* 22 Jan. 1794.
iii. Daniel[5] *b.* 7 Apr. 1800.
45. iv. Henry[5] *b.* 3 Dec. 1801.
46. v. Joshua[5] *b.* 4 March 1805.

At a town-meeting in Kittery 9 March 1795, Benjamin[4] Manson was chosen one of 12 hogreeves, fence-viewers and field-drivers. In 1796 there was a sale of land described as adjoining Benjamin[4]'s. At a town-meeting Mch. 6, 1797: "Voted to Excuse Benjamin[4] Manson from serving Hogreve the year ensuing." And he was a witness to a purchase by his cousin Noah[4] in 1802, Dec. 7.

* Another record dates the marriage of Benjamin[4], Jan. 30; intention was filed 10 Dec. 1790.

24.

William[4] (Samuel[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* in Kittery; *m.* Rachel; res. Kittery 1772, Gorham 1773, Limington 1794, 1817 when both were living.

Children:

47. i. Mark[5] *b.* in Kittery 24 Feb. 1772.
ii. William[5] *b.* in Gorham 4 Dec. 1773.
iii. Samuel[5] *b.* in Gorham 8 Nov. 1775; was living in Limerick 1798.
48. iv. Oliver[5].
49. v. John[5] *b.* in Gorham 12 Jan. 1778.
vi. Jenny[5] *b.* in Gorham 5 Feb. 1780.
50. vii. Benjamin[5] *b.* in Gorham 17 May 1782.
viii. Anna[5] *b.* in Gorham 8 May 1784.
51. x. Joseph Pettegrew[5] *b.* in Limington 2 June 1793.

William[4] Manson of Gorham, York Co., Me., bought 100 acres in Limington, Me., of Samuel March 15 Sept. 1788 for £30. Dec. 20, 1794 James Harmer conveys 100 acres in L. to William[4] Monson of Limington for £25. William[4] and wife Rachel join in a conveyance 2 July 1796. William[4] and Rachael of Limington 4 April 1817 for $1500 sell George and Stephen Manson of Limington 50 acres—"my farm that I now live on with all the buildings."

Stephen Manson of Limington, yeoman, for $750 sells 50 acres with buildings, and 100 acres, to George Manson of Limington, yeoman, Aug. 27, 1822. Signed by Stephen and wife Mary.

According to the History of Gorham, William Munson was a soldier in Capt. Nicholas Blaisdell's Co., Col. Wigglesworth's 13th Mass. Regt., 1777-1778.

In a List of persons in Gorham "who call themselves Baptists" and are "cleared from paying to ye support of ye Congregational Ministry," agreeably to a town vote in 1781, is "William Monson."

25.

Joseph[4] (Joseph[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 20 June 1741, *bp.* 4 Oct. 1741; *m.* 27 Feb. 1762 Margaret Worcester *b.* 21 June 1741; she *d.* 10 Feb. 1826; he *d.* 21 March 1833.

Children:

52. i. Hannah[5] *b.* 27 July 1767.
53. ii. Joseph[5] (apparently).
54. iii. David[5] *b.* in Kittery 30 May 1782.

26.

Josiah[4] (Joseph[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *bp.* 3 Feb. 1745 ("infant"); *m.* Deliverance. Husbandman; res. Barrington, N. H.

Children:

i. Sally[5], *m.* John Graver, and in 1808 had five children.
ii. Nabby[5].
55. iii. Solomon[5], an "only son."

The Will of Josiah[4], dated 20 May 1808, names these three children, and alludes to the five grandchildren.

27.

Thomas[4] (Joseph[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 15 July 1748; *m.* Abigail Staples. Shipwright; res. Kittery,—in 3[d] Parish 1780.

Children:

56. i. Thomas[5], Jun[r].

Thomas[4] Manson of K., shipwright, 27 Dec. 1791, purchased property of his brother Noah[4] Monson.

Thomas[4] is recorded as witness of a business transaction 21 April 1804.

This Monson was in the army of the Revolution. He enlisted July 10, 1775, served as a private in Capt. J. Shapleigh's Co. of Massachusetts State Troops, and was dis-

charged Dec. 31, 1775. He belonged to the 3[d] Co. of town militia June 23, 1779, and Oct. 20, 1785. He was pensioned March 4, 1813, at $20.55 a year, for services as private in Mass. militia. Was a pensioner in 1834, aged 86.*

28.

John[4] (Joseph[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *bp.* 24 May 1752. Farmer; res. Kittery.

Child:

57. i. John[5], jr.

The inspector for the Revolutionary army described John[4] Dec. 1, 1777, as aged 26, five ft. 9 in., dark complexion and eyes.

He enlisted Feb. 22, 1776 for one year, and served as private in Capt. T. Fernald's Co., of the 18th Continental Infantry. Re-engaged Nov. 15, 1776. Was at Ticonderoga on command Dec. 8, 1776. Enlisted or drafted May 7, 1777, for 2 months service, a resident; served as a private in Capt. S. Grant's Co. of Col. J. Titcomb's Regt. in Rhode Island. Enlisted Dec. 1, 1777, for the War, for Boston. Served as a private in Capt. Francis' Co. and L. Bailey's Co., of the 2nd Mass. Continental Infantry, to Oct. 1, 1780; then transferred to the 16th Mass. Continental Infantry, Capt Hastings' Co., to Jan. 1, 1781; then transferred with the same Co. to the 9th Mass. Cont[l] Inf. to Jan. 1, 1783; then transferred to 7th Mass. Cont[l] Inf., Capt. Allen's Co.; and honorably discharged June 9, 1783, by Gen[l] Washington, his time having expired.*

29, 30, fail for lack of light.

31.

Noah[4] (Joseph[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *m.* 2 Sept. 1775 Mary Manson; she *d.* at 92. Yeoman; res. Kittery.

* Remick, Kittery in Am. Revol.

Children:

58. i. Noah[5].
ii. Charles[5].

Noah[4] received from his father 1 Nov. 1780 twelve and 17 acres in Kittery, with all the buildings and all his implements belonging to farming and ship-carpenter business.

In June 1791 Joseph[3] Manson transferred to Noah[4] certain household goods; consideration, £30. In Dec. 1791 "Mary wife of Noah[4]" released her right of dower to Thomas Manson, shipwright. In a conveyance bearing the same date, Noah[4] signed Monson, and his wife Mary signed Manson! The same man (whatever his name) made a purchase of five acres in K. 7 Dec. 1802. In the deed, his name is twice spelled Monson and twice Manson!

In Sept. 1794, Joseph[3] transferred to his "son Noah[4]" for £10 a certain pew in the meetinghouse of Middle Parish in Kittery.

32.

Mary[4] (Samuel[3], Samuel[2], Richard[1]) *m.* Richard[4] (John[3], John[2], Richard[1]), which see.

33.

Frederick[4] (Richard[3], James[2], Richard[1]) *b.* in Sudbury 16 Aug. 1746; *m.* Anna *b.* 10 Nov. 1752, dau. of Dr. Ebenezer Hemenway; he *d.* 25 Oct. 1826, *ae.* 80; she *d.* 20 Oct. 1843, *ae.* 91. Shoemaker; res. Framingham, Mass.

Children, *b.* in F.:

59. i. Loring[5] *b.* 7 Dec. 1770.
ii. Richard[5] *b.* 15 July 1772; *m.* Polly Hart of Boston; *d.* 1802.
iii. Anna[5] *b.* 22 Nov. 1773; *d.* 12 Oct. 1875.
60. iv. Frederick[5] *b.* 2 Dec. 1775.

v. Nathan[5] *b.* 7 Feb. 1778; *m.* (1st) Anna Ames, who *d.* 10 April 1806; *m.* (2d) —— Hemenway of Cambridge.
vi. Ebenezer[5] *b.* 27 Dec. 1779; *d.* 1800.
vii. Polly[5] *b.* 5 Nov. 1781; *m.* 9 June 1803 William Barbour of Medway.
61. viii. John[5] *b.* 13 Feb. 1784.
ix. Sally[5] *b.* 2 Oct. 1785 (or '84); *m.* Kellogg Hurlburt of Utica, N. Y.
62. x. Deborah[5] *b.* 26 Feb. 1788.
63. xi. Otis[5] *b.* 12 April 1790; married; served in the War of 1812; res. Richmond, Va.
64. xii. Dana[5] *b.* 14 May 1794.
xiii. Betsey Loring[5] *b.* 22 (or 26) Dec. 1797; *m.* Benj. F. Kellogg of New Hartford, N. Y.; no children.

Frederick[4] learned the trade of shoemaking at Weston, and came to Framingham about 1767. "He was a man of active temperament and great muscular endurance; when seventy-four years old, having an errand at Cambridge, he walked down, did the errand, and without stopping to sit down, turned and walked home."

In May 1783, he bought of Dr. Hemenway "the Loring Monson place," 34 acres, for £400. Forty-three years later, he died there.

Corp. Frederick[4] Manson performed duty as a "minute man" in Capt. S. Edgell's Co., 1775; marched on the Alarm 19th April 1775 to Concord,—out four days; served in Capt. Gleason's Co. at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

A requisition was made for troops in June 1776 "for the defence of Boston." Sergt. Frederick Manson and a squad of ten men marched June 19, and were stationed at Noddle's Island till Dec. 2.—Temple 299.

Sergt-Maj. Frederick Manson was in Col. Bullard's regt. from Aug. 16, three months and twenty-five days. The regt. was in the Battle of Stillwater or Saratoga, 1777.

On the "Rhode Island Alarm" of July 22, 1780, Col. Perry's regt. was ordered out and marched July 27. Frederick Monson was Quarter-Master. In service fourteen days.

34.

Theodore[5] (Richard[4], John[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 17 Nov. 1775 in Dover, N. H.; *m.* 5 Dec. 1802 (by Parson Haven) Anna Cloutman, dau. of a Quaker family living about 3 miles below Milton on the Rochester road; no ch.; she *d.* 28 Nov. 1803 (of consumption following an abscess); *m.* (2d) 13 Nov. 1804, in Dover, Lydia Philbrook (dau. of Eliphalet) *b.* 10 Apr. 1783; six ch.; he *d.* 26 May 1839; she *d.* at her son Daniel's 14 May 1866. Merchant, lumberman; res. Dover, Wakefield, N. H., Colchester, Vt., Rushville, Ills.

Children:

i. Sarah Ann[6] *b.* 1 Sept. 1805 in Dover; *m.* Apr. 1825 Proctor P. Newcomb *b.* 19 May 1804; 6 ch.; she *d.* 20 Jan. 1865; he *d.* 21 July 1879; res. Pulaski, Ills.

65. ii. William[6] *b.* 2 Aug. 1808 in Wakefield.

iii. Stephen S.[6] *b.* 3 Dec. 1811 in Colchester; *d.* 1813.

iv. Daniel[6] *b.* in C. 13 Mch. 1815; *m.* Rosanna Costin; 4 ch.; *d.* 17 Feb. 1893; res. Illinois.

v. Eliphalet P.[6] *b.* in C. 11 June 1817; *m.* 15 Jan. 1840 Catherine Sanders; 10 ch.; res. (1899) Macon, Ills.

vi. Susanna[6] *b.* in C. 11 Oct. 1819; *m.* 2 Aug. 1837 William Hastie; 9 ch.; she *d.* 23 Jan. 1884 in Macon; res. Illinois.

While living in Dover, a young man of 28 or 29 (1803-4), Theodore wrote his surname in the family Bible, "Munson."

We are indebted to Albert O. Mathes (30 March 1906) for a glimpse of Theodore's vocation in Milton, namely: He had a small country store, opposite the tavern of old stage times; he was there in 1800-01-02; he sold out, and went to Wakefield, N. H., where he was in trade in 1803.

Removing to Colchester, Vt., he exchanged his mercantile occupation for that of lumberman; this removal occurred not far from 1810. He migrated in June 1831, with his entire family, to Rushville, Illinois.

William B.[6] testified concerning his "Uncle Thode," that he was habitually mirthful, jocose and full of anecdote.

35.

William[5] (Richard[4], John[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* in N. H. 15 May 1776; *m.* in Colchester 25 March 1795 Amy Brownell *b.* 1778 (dau. of Ichabod and Elizabeth); 6 sons, 8 dau.; he *d.* 28 June 1830; she *d.* 23 March 1844. Lumberman; res. New Hampshire, Colchester, Vt.

Children, *b.* in Colch.:

i. Lucy[6] *b.* 3 Apr. 1796; *m.* Stephen Sharp; 4 ch.; she *d.* 25 Apr. 1855; res. Colchester.

66. ii. Artemisia[6] *b.* 29 Apr. 1797.

iii. Eliza[6] *b.* 29 May 1799; *d.* 9 Apr. 1802.

67. iv. William Brownell[6] *b.* 24 Jan. 1801.

v. Sidney[6] *b.* 27 Feb. 1803; *d.* 23 Sept. 1804.

vi. George S.[6] *b.* 30 Aug. 1804; *d.* 9 Aug. 1806.

vii. Adaliza[6] *b.* 4 Oct. 1806; *d.* 7 June 1817.

viii. Emeline A.[6] *b.* 23 Nov. 1808; *m.* James A. Langshore; 4 ch.; she *d.* 10 Apr. 1842.

68. ix. Francis A.[6] *b.* 16 May 1810.

x. Caroline M.[6] *b.* 16 Jan. 1812; *m.* Hiram Bean; 4 ch.; res. Colchester, Chicago.

xi. Clarissa A.[6] *b.* 21 Jan. 1814; *m.* Lemuel B. Platt; 4 sons.

69. xii. John S.[6] *b.* 8 Feb. 1816.

xiii. Frances A.[6] *b.* 28 Sept. 1817; *m.* James A. Platt (bro. of L. B., xi); 6 ch., of whom Charlotte *m.* Pennyman, custom-house officer in Highgate.

70. xiv. Wallace E.[6] *b.* 25 Jan. 1820.

"William[5] came from Portsmouth to Colchester about 1795. He married Ama Brownell about that same year. They had fourteen children. Ten lived to maturity, were married and had children." Thus writes Mrs. Benedict.

Three sons and two daughters of William[5] were living in 1883.

Mrs. Benedict writes again: "William[5]'s father was Richard[4], and his mother Susannah. They followed their son (William) from New Hampshire to Colchester, and died and were buried there."

My father, said William B.[6], was a lumberman; he generally took two rafts each year, about the 10th of May, from Mallet's Bay to Quebec. A raft would cover a quarter of an acre. The lumber was pine, one raft consisting of plank and the other of square timber and masts. Masts sold at $3.00 an inch of diameter, measuring one-third of the distance from the butt towards the top. If a tree measured 30 in., its value would be $90. Masts might bring $100 each. Men generally lost money in the business, said Mr. Munson, but my father made it profitable. He acquired some $40,000.

36.

Daniel[5] (Richard[4], John[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 1778 in Dover; *m.* Ruth Colver; 3 ch.; he *d.* 23 Aug. 1841; she long survived. Res. Rochester, Milton, N. H., Colchester, Vt.

Children:

i. Richard[6], unm.; *d.* 10 May 1843, *ae.* 20; res. Colchester.
ii. Wealthy[6], *m.* William Wright; res. Mallet's Bay.
iii. George[6], *m.* —— Brush; res. Colchester.

Daniel[5] lived on a place adjoining his father's in Rochester and Milton until 1810. In the tax-records of Milton for 1807, "Daniel Monson" is represented as living in a two-room house, and he is honored with the title of "lieutenant."

In a Milton tax-record for 1803 we find: "Daniel Monson 1 Poll, Oxen 2, Cows 1, Mowing 2, Unimproved Land 60, Building 1; Total Amount 19½. County & Town tax 1.95, Parish tax .58, Highway tax 2.44."

The same document has another record, including

"Richard Monson 24
Dan[l]. Monson 19.2"

Elsewhere there is mention, under date of Dec. 1, 1806, of the inhabitants comprised in school-district No. 2, which includes "Richard Monson
L[t] D. Monson."

Yet, again, a plan of the meeting-house in the Northeast Parrish of Rochester, about 1803-4, assigns to "D. Monson" Pew No. 5 in the Gallery.

The Lieutenant's maiden sisters, Polly and Sally, are said to have had a home with his family.

37.

Thomas Lincoln[5] (Nehemiah[4], John[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 19 Nov. 1796 in Scituate; *m.* in Scit. 27 Aug. 1821 Mary Turner *b.* 2 Jan. 1796; he *d.* at sea 17 Oct. 1843, *ae.* 45; she *d.* 15 Oct. 1862. Sea-captain; res. Scituate, Ms.

Children:

71. i. Thomas Lincoln[6] *b.* 29 May 1822 in Scit.
ii. Samuel Turner[6] *b.* 13 Jan. 1826; *m.* Elizabeth Tower.
iii. Benjamin Turner[6] *b.* 22 Jan. 1829; *m.* Lois Newcomb.
iv. George Horace[6] *b.* 6 May 1832, *bp.* First Parish 2 May 1841; *m.* Mercy Clapp.
v. Edward Everett[6] *b.* 7 July 1835, *bp.* 2 May 1841; *m.* Frances Austin.

38.

Ruth[5] (Nehemiah[4], John[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 30 Jan. 1803; *m.* 11 Nov. 1827 Martin **Lincoln**.

39.

John[5] (Nehemiah[4], John[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 9 July 1805; *m.* 10 (11) Nov. 1830 Anne S. Ellmes; she *d.* 28 Jan. 1833, *ae.* 22; *m.* (2d) 9 Jan. 1834 Abigail T. Ford; *m.* (3d) Sarah Jenkins. Sea-captain; res. Scituate.

Children:

i. John Lincoln[6] *b.* 29 Nov. 1832; *d.* 12 Sept. 1833, *ae.* 9 m. 13 d.
ii. Ann Ellms[6] *b.* 13 Oct. 1834, *bp.* 5 June 1841 First Parish.
iii. John L.[6] *b.* 25 Feb. 1837, *bp.* 5 Jan. 1842.
iv. George Wales[6] *b.* 5 Feb. 1839; *d.* 13 Oct. 1839, *ae.* 8 m. 8 d.

v. George Wales[6] *b.* 21 June 1840, *bp.* First Parish 5 June 1842.
vi. Edmund Sewall[6] *b.* 2 Aug. 1843, *bp.* 1 June 1845.
vii. Helen[6] *b.* 25 Oct. 1849.

40.

Nehemiah[5] (Nehemiah[4], John[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 30 March 1808. Miss E. E. Manson writes—"All the sons of Nehemiah[4] were sea-captains." This son, Nehemiah[5], discontinued the seafaring life when he removed to Maine, settling in Oxford.

Child (step-daughter):

i. Lizzie T. Jenkins, "step-daughter of Capt. Nehemiah Manson," *m.* 10 Jan. 1866 Cyrus Shaw Hayes *b.* 27 Feb. 1837,—"a prosperous farmer in Oxford"; 6 ch.

A history of Oxford refers to "Capt. Nehemiah[5] Manson" as "proprietor of the Craigie Farm"; and we may quote also the following: "Another notable fire was the burning of the home of Capt. Manson, historic as the mansion-house of the Craigie Farm."

41.

George[5] (Nehemiah[4], John[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 28 Sept. 1810; *m.* 27 Nov. 1836 Sarah W. James; he *d.* in Cuba 7 Sept. 1838, *ae.* 28. Sea-captain; res. Scituate.

The young captain, according to record, at the time of his death was "Master of Brig Pauline of Boston." The inscription on his gravestone locates his death at Trinidad de Cuba, and dates the occurrence Dec. 8.

Mrs. Sarah W. *m.* 18 Apr. 1841 Reuben Y. Jenkins.

42.

Joel Lincoln[5] (Nehemiah[4], John[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* in Scit. 18 Apr. 1813; *m.* in Scit. 10 Jan. 1841 Mary Jenkins; he *d.* Feb. 1851. Sea-captain; res. Scituate.

Children:

i. Mary Lincoln[6] *b.* 30 May 1842.
ii. Charles[6] *b.* 22 July 1845.
iii. Horace[6] *b.* in Scit. 25 Oct. 1849; *m.* 21 Oct. 1880 Alice Danforth; he *d.* in So. Boston 15 Apr. 1904.

43.

Mercy Lincoln[5] (Nehemiah[4], John[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *m.* 3 Sept. 1840 Asaph A. **Faxon.**

44.

William C.[5] (Nehemiah[4], John[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 24 Aug. 1822; *m.* 4 Aug. 1846 Frances M. Chamberlain *ae.* 21 (dau. of David and Sarah). "Sailor," "seaman," "marriner"; res. Scituate.

Children:

i. William W.[6] *b.* 20 May 1847.
ii. Edwin Chamberlain[6] *b.* in Boston 10 July 1849.

45.

Henry[5] (Benjamin[4], Samuel[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 3 Dec. 1801.

Children:

i. Charles[6],
ii. Christiana[6], twins aged 11 years, *bp.* 2 Dec. 1838 by T. H. Miller.

In an early list of members of the First Church of Christ in Kittery, we find "Mr. Henry Monson," corrected from Manson. Monday 28 May 1838, the Church commenced a weekly prayer-meeting, to be held at private houses, through the summer; July 9th (the 7th week) it is to be at "Mr. Henry Manson's." In a list of the twelve male members 1 Jan. 1850, "Henry Monson" stands 5th.

46.

Joshua[5] (Benjamin[4], Samuel[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 4 March 1805; his intention of marrying Abigail Preble of York was filed 10 Dec. 1836. Res. Kittery.

47.

Mark[5] (William[4], Samuel[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 24 Feb. 1772 in Kittery; being of K., *m.* 27 Nov. 1802 (intention 6 Nov.) Patience Remick. Res. Kittery, Limington.

Children:

i. Mark[6] *b.* abt. 1805; *d.* 31 July 1889.
ii. Nathaniel[6].
iii. Charlotte[6].
iv. Charles[6].
72. v. Oliver[6].
vi. Caroline[6], *m.* Parker; in Aug. 1906 was the only living daughter of Mark[5] and was aged 89; had a home with her daughter, Mrs. Carrie Gove, at Glenwood st., Lynn, Mass.
vii. Louisa[6].
viii. Parker[6].
73. ix. Albert[6].

Mark[5] of Limerick, yeoman, purchased 12 Nov. 1796 four acres of Ezra Gould of Limerick; consideration, $11.00.

48.

Oliver[5] (William[4], Samuel[3], John[2], Richard[1]).

Children:

i. Clarissa[6], *m.* Keene.
ii. Catherine[6], *m.* Goodsoe.
iii. Ellen[6], *m.* Locke.
iv. Woodbury[6].
v. Luther[6].
vi. Elizabith[6].
vii. Jane[6].

viii. Anna[6].
ix. Abigail[6].

49.

John[5] (William[4], Samuel[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* in Gorham 12 Jan. 1778; *d.* in Eaton, N. H.

Child:

i. William[6] *b.* in Limington; settled in Searsmont, Me., 92. where Alfred Small[7] Manson was born.

John[5] settled in Limington; in 1817 was in Limerick. Samuel Manson of Limerick 16th day 10 mo. 1798 sold land to John[5] of Limington, Co. Yorke, yeoman; consideration, $116.

50.

Benjamin[5] (William[4], Samuel[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 17 May 1782. Preacher; res. Kittery Point, Me., Raymond, N. H.

Children:

i. Harriet[6] (Manson) Bean, wife of Isaac Bean; res. Feb. 1892, Boston.
ii. Josephine[6] (Manson) Seavey, wife of Manson Seavey; res. 1892, Boston.

A. S. Manson wrote 1 Feb. 1892 concerning his great-uncle: "The only living children of Elder Benjamin S. Manson, my uncle, who preached at Kittery Point some years ago, are two married daughters residing in this city" (Boston).

About 1867, he was in charge of the Free-will Baptist Church at Kittery Point "for three or four years." A citizen remarked to me, "He was an old man then; he had a son who was a preacher." He removed from Kittery to Raymond, N. H.

51.

Joseph P.[5] (William[4], Samuel[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* at Limington 2 June 1793 (the 10th ch. of Wm.[4]); *m.* Ursula Edgerly *b.* at Lim. 28 June 1797 on a farm adjoining William[4]'s; J. P. *d.* at Clinton, Me., 18 April 1883. Res. Limington, Clinton, Me.

Child:

Nathaniel[6] *b.* at Lim. 31 Dec. 1818; *d.* at Clinton 31 Aug. 1842.

52.

Hannah[5] (Joseph[4], Joseph[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 27 July 1767; *m.* 8 Aug. 1791* (intention, 18 June) Daniel **Fernald** of Kittery, *b.* 19 June 1762; she *d.* 24 June 1846.

53.

Joseph[5] (Joseph[4], Joseph[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *m.* 4 Oct. 1792 Phebe Weeks of K. Mariner; res. Kittery.

Children:

i. Lucy Weeks[6] *b.* 24 Dec. 1793.
ii. William[6] *b.* 12 Sept. 1796.
iii. Olive[6] *b.* 12 Sept. 1796.
iv. Lewis Charles[6] *b.* 16 June 1799.
v. Joseph Weeks[6] *b.* 28 Dec. 1802.
vi. John S.[6] *b.* 26 Dec. 1804.
vii. Alexander[6] *b.* 9 Nov. 1806.
viii. Nicholas Weeks[6] *b.* 30 Dec. 1808.

In his Will, Joseph[3] refers to the heirs of his son Joseph[4] deceased. In the records of Kittery (LX. 243), under date of 24 Aug. 1797, "Joseph Manson the third, Marrenor," is credited with the purchase of one acre with dwelling house; price, $328. And "Joseph Manson Jun[r]" is recorded 21 April 1804 as witness to a transaction in real-estate.

* Or 1789.

(Another witness to the same transaction was Thomas[4] Manson.)

54.

David[5] (Joseph[4], Joseph[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 30 May 1782 in Kittery (*bp.* 14 Nov. 1782*); *m.* 15 Dec. 1805 Sally Tarlton in Newmarket,—intentions filed 21 Nov. 1805; she *d.* in 1835; he *d.* 15 Dec. 1871, *ae.* 89 y. 6 mo. 15 d. Sailor, ship-carpenter, farmer; res. Bradford, Vt., Newmarket, N. H.

Children:

i. George[6] *b.* 22 Sept. 1828 in Newmarket; res. Bradford: a dau.[7] *m.* Gardner Gaffield of Bradford; Charles A.[7] *m.*; Abbie F.[7] *m.* F. Chamberlain of Bradford.
ii. John T.[6] *b.* in Bradford; res. Boston,—in market business.
iii. Martha[6], *m.* Ira Hiland of Boston.

David[5] was early a sailor, then a ship-carpenter, and in the spring of 1810 he settled in Bradford and became a farmer. In 1856 he removed to Newmarket, where he spent the rest of his life.†

55.

Solomon[5] (Josiah[4], Joseph[3], John[2], Richard[1]), an only son; *m.* Mehetable. Lived on a farm, a "yeoman"; res. Barrington, N. H.

Children:

i. Timothy[6], "oldest son"; receives by father's Will 48 acres +, the "Homestead farm on which I now live."
ii. Rebecca[6], "oldest daughter"; *m.* Hodgdon.
iii. Sarah[6].
iv. Mary[6].
v. Betsey[6], *m.* Chesley.
vi. James[6].
vii. Mehetable[6], *m.* Roberts.

* "A Son for Joseph Monson," named David.—Ports. Ch. Rec.
† Cp. McKeen's Hist. Bradford.

In 1794, Sept. 25, J. Johnson sold Sollomon[5] Manson of Barrington, yeoman, 8 acres.

The Will of Solomon[5] was dated Oct. 12, 1846. The spelling of the name in the record is Manson; in the margin, Munson.

56.

Thomas[5], Jun. (Thomas[4], Joseph[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *m.* 21 April 1797 Dolly Kean (in Rec., Keen). Sailor, through life, till cancer took him off; res. Spruce Creek, on old Post Road from Portsmouth to Portland.

Children:

74. i. Mary Ann[6] *b.* 2 Sept. 1799.
ii. Timothy[6] *b.* 27 June 1805; *m.* Margaret Staple of Eliot,—intention filed 31 Dec. 1825.
iii. John Thomas[6], unm.; res. California; property went to right name but wrong person.
75. iv. David Kean[6] *b.* 29 July 1806.
v. Dolly[6], *d.* aged 18.
vi. Olive[6], *d.* aged 22.
vii. Daniel[6], *d.* 3 Apr. 1885 in Boston,—buried at Mt. Hope.
viii. Charles William[6] *b.* 9 Feb. 1818 in K.; *d.* 28 Aug. 1888 in Marion, Iowa.
ix. Eben[6] *b.* 11 Aug. 1819 in K.; *d.* 20 Oct. 1884 in Newburyport.

Thomas[5] Manson Jun[r], 21 Jan. 1801 (four years after his marriage), purchased ¼th acre of Wm. Keen (possibly father-in-law or brother-in-law).

The collector of Portsmouth, N. H., under date of 15 Apr. 1805, issued a document known as a "Protection Paper" to "Thomas[5] Monson an American Seaman aged Twenty years or thereabout, of the height of about five feet 5¾ inches, dark complexion, dark hair, dark colored eyes." Said to have been born in Kittery "in the State of Massachusetts."

57.

John[5] Jr. (John[4], Joseph[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *m.* 4 Jan. 1790 Betsey Shepherd; he was a resident of the 3d Parish in 1780. His name is on the back of a list of the 3d Co. of the town militia 12 July 1779. He was drowned near the Navy-yard at Kittery about 1800.

58.

Noah[5] (Noah[4], Joseph[3], John[2], Richard[1]); his wife *d.* at the age of 52; he *d.* at 87. Res. North Kittery.

Child:

i. Catherine F.[6], *m.* Albert[6] Manson; 4 ch., all residing in Kittery.

Noah[5]'s mother, Mary, had a shock which rendered her helpless for thirty years; she *d.* at 92.

59.

Loring[5] (Frederick[4], Richard[3], James[2], Richard[1]) *b.* in Fram. 7 Dec. 1770; *m.* 26 July 1795 Elizabeth Sawin (dau. of John) of Marlborough, Ms.; he *d.* 10 Aug. 1846; she *d.* 4 July 1867, *ae.* 94. Shoemaker; res. Marlborough, Framingham, Ms.

Children:

76. i. Hannah S.[6] *b.* 15 Feb. 1796.
77. ii. George E.[6] *b.* 6 Nov. 1797.
78. iii. Eliza[6] *b.* 25 Aug. 1799.
iv. Anna[6] *b.* 29 Apr. 1801; *m.* 23 Nov. 1820 Dexter Hemenway.
v. Almira[6] *b.* 8 June 1803; *m.* 8 June 1824 Josiah Warren.
vi. Sally[6] *b.* 29 Jan. 1805; *m.* 22 Feb. 1832 Alpheus Moulton.
vii. Caroline[6] *b.* 5 Nov. 1806; *m.* 24 July 1826 George W. Mansir.
viii. Phebe R.[6] ("changed to Susan F.") *b.* 23 Feb. 1808; *m.* 21 Sept. 1831 Wm. Fiske; she *d.* at Buffalo, N. Y., 19 Sept. 1852.
ix. Mary[6] *b.* 30 March 1811; *m.* 2 Oct. 1837 Isaac Fiske of Medfield.

x. Ellen[6] *b.* 23 March 1813; *m.* 15 June 1836 Ebenezer Hyde of Newton and Framingham.

79. . xi. Franklin[6] *b.* 17 Feb. 1818.

Loring[5], a shoemaker, removed from Marlborough in 1811 to his father's place in Framingham.

60.

Frederick[5] (Frederick[4], Richard[3], James[2], Richard[1]) *b.* in Fram. 2 Dec. 1775; *m.* 23 June 1799 Sally Goodwin of Cambridge, *b.* 28 Feb. 1781; he *d.* 30 Dec. 1853; she *d.* 25 Nov. 1874. Res. Cambridge.

Children:

i. Anna[6] *b.* 20 March 1800; *m.* 25 April 1819 Robert Fuller of Natick, Mass., *b.* 19 March 1795 and *d.* 5 Mch. 1851; she *d.* 7 May 1878.

80. ii. Frederick Hurlbut[6] *b.* 16 Dec. 1801.

iii. Eben[6] *b.* 23 Apr. 1804; *d.* 10 Jan. 1816.

iv. Ebenezer[6] *b.* 27 July 1806; *m.* 21 June 1832 Ellen A. Homer; he *d.* 14 Feb. 1885; she *d.* 27 July 1892.

81. v. Nathaniel Goodwin[6] *b.* 7 Aug. 1808; *m.* 7 Apr. 1831 Hannah Ellis Hemenway; he *d.* 23 Jan. 1891.

vi. Sally Goodwin[6] *b.* 11 Feb. 1811; *d.* 16 Feb. 1876.

61.

John[5] (Frederick[4], Richard[3], James[2], Richard[1]) *b.* in F. 13 Feb. 1784; *m.* 3 Jan. 1816 Nelly Nurse, dau. of Col. John; he *d.* 25 May 1856; she *d.* 26 Oct. 1858; res. Framingham.

Child:

i. Susan E.[6] *b.* 31 Dec. 1825; *m.* Wm. P. Johnson.

62.

Deborah[5] (Frederick[4], Richard[3], James[2], Richard[1]) *b.* in F. 22 Feb. 1788; *m.* 12 Aug. 1806 Cyrus **Cobb** of Boston; 3 ch.; *m.* (2d) Henry **Tolman.**

Children:

i. Sarah[6].
ii. Susan[6].
iii. Cyrus[6].

63.

Otis[5] (Frederick[4], Richard[3], James[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 12 April 1790; *m.* at Petersburg, Va., 5 Feb. 1818 Sarah Dews Ferrill *b.* 18 Sept. 1796, dau. of William and Sarah Dews Ferrill; she *d.* 3 Apr. 1834; he *d.* 9 Apr. 1862. Architect; res. Richmond, Va.

Children:

i. Sarah Anna[6] *b.* 4 July 1820.
82. ii. Otis Frederick[6] *b.* 10 Oct. 1822.
iii. George W.[6] *b.* 8 June 1825.
iv. Eliza Sanger[6] *b.* 7 Dec. 1827.
v. Charles Henry[6] *b.* 14 Jan. 1830; he resided in Columbia, S. C., where he died in Dec. 1909. His daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Manson Wright, whose usual address has been 1528 Blanding st., Columbia, wrote from Evanston, Illinois, July 1, 1910, expressing deep regret that the data gathered by her father would probably be inaccessible to her for a year.
vi. Mary Ann[6] *b.* 14 March 1832.

Otis[5] migrated from Framingham, Mass., and settled in Richmond in 1810. "He was the first scientific architect that Richmond possessed." He served faithfully as a volunteer soldier in the War of 1812. Many years thereafter, the city made use of his talents as a member of the municipal Council.

64.

Dana[5] (Frederick[4], Richard[3], James[2], Richard[1]) *b.* in F. 14 May 1794; *m.* 11 May 1817 Eliza Sanger; she *d.* 7 Nov. 1827; 2 ch.; *m.* (2d) —— Newton; 5 ch.; he *d.* 1 Apr. 1879. Res. Waltham, Ms.

Children:

i. Augustus Dana[6], *m.*, no ch.; *d.* 4 Jan. 1897.
ii. Otis[6], res. Worcester.
iii. Martha[6], *m.* Chandler.
iv. Maria E.[6], *m.* Stearns.
v. Eveline[6], *m.* Smith.
vi. Frederick[6].
vii. Helene[6], *m.* Hazelton.

Sparkles From Afar.

"In the beginning, God——"
"God is love."
"Rejoice in The Lord always."
"In the beginning, was The Word."
"In Him was life; and the life
was the light of men."
"Thy will be done on Earth,
as it is in Heaven."

Part Second.

"The sweet remembrance of the just
Shall flourish when he sleeps in dust."
Psalm cxii (Tate and Brady).

"I am the things that are, and those that are to be, and those that have been."
Inscription on the Temple of Neith at Sais, in Egypt.

Plato makes a rhetorician tell Socrates that when he went to Sparta, the people (to quote his words) "required me to lecture them on genealogies, and when I began to discourse to them on this subject, they would hardly allow me to make an end." This interest in one's forbears is one of the sanest applications of the human mind, adds Professor Hart.—*Am. Hist. Rev.*, Jan., 1910.

"Learning hath gained most by those books by which the printers have lost."
Thomas Fuller, *"Of Books."*

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65.

William⁶ (Theodore⁵, Richard⁴, John³, John², Richard¹) *b.* 2 Aug. 1808 in Wakefield, N. H.; *m.* 24 April 1836 Maria Linley *b.* 15 April 1810 in Ky.; she *d.* 27 Nov. 1890: he *d.* 5 Dec. 1890. Res. Rushville, Astoria, Ills., Denison, Tex.

Children, *b.* near Astoria:

83. i. Louisa Elizabeth⁷ *b.* 7 Apr. 1840.
84. ii. Joseph Theodore⁷ *b.* 20 Sept. 1841.
85. iii. Thomas Volney⁷ *b.* 26 Sept. 1843.
86. iv. William Benjamin⁷ *b.* 7 Jan. 1846.
v. Triphena Maria⁷ *b.* 16 Jan. 1848; unm.; res. Denison.
vi. Mary Ginevra⁷ *b.* 8 June 1853; unm.; res. Denison.

William⁶ moved with his father in 1829* to Rushville, Ills.; after marriage, he settled on a farm near Astoria. This place he sold in 1869, after which he lived in Astoria until 1878, when he removed to Denison, where most of his children had preceded him. William⁶ and his entire family, formerly active members of the "Campbellite" Church, accepted at a later date Evolution in place of Revelation.†

66.

Artemisia⁶ (William⁵, Richard⁴, John³, John², Richard¹) *b.* 29 April 1797 in Colch.; *m.* in 1821 John Warren **Weaver,** a merchant, *b.* in Willington, Conn., 6 Dec. 1797; she *d.* 19 July 1866 at Winooski Falls (in Colchester); he *d.* 3 Feb. 1871; res. Colchester, Vt.

Children:

87. i. Juliette⁷.
ii. William⁷, *m.* an English girl; for years he was in the custom-house at New York; he *d.* many years ago.

* Three dates have been applied to this event, 1829, 1830, 1831.

† If the present writer is correctly informed, nearly all Munsons accept Evolution without displacing Revelation.

88. iii. Frances A.[7]
iv. Elizabeth[7], *m.* William Robertson of Montreal, a lawyer in that place; she *d.* in 1884.
v. Walter[7].

67.

William Brownell[6] (William[5], Richard[4], John[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 24 Jan. 1801 in Colchester; *m.* 16 May 1831 Angelina A. Day of Burlington, Vt., dau. of Alfred and Mary; 5 ch.; she *d.* 28 March 1856; he *d.* 9 July 1892, *ae.* 91. Farmer, blacksmith, lumberman, surveyor, hotel-keeper, jailor; res. Colchester, Vt.

Children:

89. i. William Day[7] *b.* in Colch. 7 Feb. 1833.
90. ii. Charles Paine[7] *b.* 5 June 1840.
iii. Henry Clay[7] *b.* 31 Dec. 1851; an employe of the Central Vermont R. R. in 1883.

Among the writer's recollections of 1883, there rises before him W. B.[6], a gentleman of attractive visage and noble aspect,—one possessed of intelligence, strength, wide information, and that assemblage of qualities which brings things to pass—yet, withal, signally friendly and genial. Note how versatile he was—farmer, blacksmith, lumberman, hotel-keeper, jailor, surveyor. He resembled the typical Munson of New-Haven stock, in having blue eyes and a nose that was straight and somewhat prominent.

After the Champlain Canal opened communication with the Hudson river, William B.[6] used to raft lumber to Whitehall.—His resources were seriously depleted by his son's hotel venture.

He related to his guest this incident: I owned a horse that was victorious in racing. He bore the name of "Ira Allen," and was a half-brother of "Ethan Allen." I was offered $10,000 for him. It was said that I ought to get him insured. I replied that I never had a horse die on my

hands, etc. About six months after a return from Canada, my horse died.

This Munson, whom the writer remembers with so much pleasure, not only communicated orally enlightening and interesting information concerning the Colchester Branch, but subsequently, with the cheerful and efficient assistance of his granddaughter (Minnie), supplied me in manuscript with many important statistics.

He wrote 13 April 1883: "I am very glad that you are making this effort; shall be pleased to assist you at all times every way in my power."

68.

Francis A.[6] (William[5], Richard[4], John[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 16 May 1810; *m.* Mary Washburn; 4 ch., of whom were Mary[7], Alice[7], and Willie[7]; he was a merchant in Vermont; removed to Chicago—"kept the first hotel there awhile"; *d.* in Chicago of cholera 1 July 1849. Widow *m.* Baird and has lived in DeWitt, Iowa.

69.

John S.[6] (William[5], Richard[4], John[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 8 Feb. 1816; *m.* Louisa A. Day (sister of wife of Wm. B.[6]). Res. Montana.

Children:

i. Mary[7], *m.* Amos Gray.
ii. George[7], *m.*, ch., broker, res. Hudson, Wis.
iii. Emma[7], husband killed by lightning; *m.* again; res. Hudson.
iv. Kate[7], *m.* Anderson; 2 ch.; res. Montana.
v. Frederick[7], *m.*, res. Hudson.
vi. Lillie[7], *m.* lawyer Allen; res. in or near Hudson.
vii. Clara[7], *m.*; resides near or in Hudson.

70.

Wallace E.[6] (William[5], Richard[4], John[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 25 Jan. 1820; *m.* Almira Conger; 2 ch.; *m.* (2d)

Adaline Griswold; 1 ch.; farmer, printer; res. Colchester. Wallace[6] was in the Battle of Gettysburg; after six months of service, he was discharged on account of ill health.

71.

Thomas Lincoln[6] (Thomas L.[5], Nehemiah[4], John[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* in Scit. 29 May 1822; *m.* in Boston 12 Nov. 1848 Eliza Emerson Vance *b.* 27 April 1824; he *d.* 6 Sept. 1900. Lumber merchant; res. Boston, Cambridge, Mass.

Children:

i. Thomas Lincoln[7] *b.* 12 Oct. 1849; *m.* Mary Frisbie Groot; 3 ch.
ii. George Francis[7] *b.* 1 Sept. 1851; *d.* 23 Feb. 1854.
iii. Francis Emerson[7] *b.* 4 Feb. 1855.
iv. Warren Cudworth[7] *b.* 23 March 1857; *d.* 27 Jan. 1861.
v. Mary Turner[7] *b.* 31 July 1859; *m.* Richard Rich Freeman; 3 ch.
vi. Elizabeth Emerson[7] *b.* in Boston 5 March 1863; teacher of psychology and history; res. 9 Phillips Place, Cambridge.

72.

Oliver[6] (Mark[5], William[4], Samuel[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* in Kittery 1 Jan. 1814; *m.* Charlotte Parsons of Portsmouth, intention filed 8 Feb. 1854: he *d.* 8 May 1906, *ae.* 92. Carpenter; res. 22 Union st., Portsmouth. His niece, Mary Ann Parker, had a home with him. He had been long a member of the Middle Street Baptist Church.

Oliver[6]'s son, Alvah[7], who *m.* Eva K., resides in Warsaw, N. Y., which is also the home of their daughter, Evelyn R. Manson, a photographer.

73.

Albert[6] (Mark[5], William[4], Samuel[3], John[2], Richard[1]), *m.* Martha Place 19 Nov. 1846 (int. 16 Oct.) by Rev. George M. Payne; *m.* (2d) Catherine F.[6] Manson of Kittery, dau. of Noah[5], intentions filed 6 Oct. 1849. In

1906, their four children were "all living about them,"—one son with them. They have a large portrait of Catherine's father, Noah⁵, one of herself, and a very fine one of Albert⁶. Their home is "at Kittery, Foreside."

74.

Mary A.⁶ (Thomas⁵, Thomas⁴, Joseph³, John², Richard¹) *b.* 2 Sept. 1799; *m.* 6 Jan. 1820 Ebenezer **Fernald** of Kittery; res. Fort Hill, Kittery, "Lower Foreside." (The wooden-leg dispute, David Kean⁷, connected with this home.)

75.

David Kean⁶ (Thomas⁵, Thomas⁴, Joseph³, John², Richard¹) *b.* 29 July 1806; *m.* Jane Friend Grover; he *d.* 20 Sept. 1848.

Child:

91. David Kean⁷.

David Kean⁶ was named by his mother out of regard for her brother, Kean. When David K.⁶ was twenty years of age, he removed from Kittery to Salisbury (now Amesbury), Mass., attaining his majority there. It is a curious circumstance that his son, David Kean⁷, left Salisbury at the age of twenty and attained his majority in Kittery.

76.

Hannah S.⁶ (Loring⁵, Frederick⁴, Richard³, James², Richard¹) *b.* 15 Feb. 1796; *m.* 17 March 1815 Truman **Stow** or Freeman **Snow** of Marlborough; she *d.* 27 Aug. 1852.

Children:

John⁷, William⁷, Frank⁷, Orville⁷, Charles⁷, Fannie⁷, John⁷.

77.

George E.[6] (Loring[5], Frederick[4], Richard[3], James[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 6 Nov. 1797; *m.* 15 Nov. 1821 Harriet Felton *b.* 20 Feb. 1802; res. Feltonville.

Children:

George[7], Silas[7], two others.

78.

Eliza[6] (Loring[5], Frederick[4], Richard[3], James[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 25 Aug. 1799; *m.* 5 Oct. 1830 William W. **Reed,** M.D., of Rochester, N. Y.

Children:

i. William[7], *m.*, 2 ch., res. Mexico (1889).
ii. Frank[7], *m.*, 2 ch., res. Omaha.

79.

Franklin[6] (Loring[5], Frederick[4], Richard[3], James[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 17 Feb. 1818; *m.* 28 Jan. 1839 Susan Eames, dau. of Lowell; she *d.* 23 Dec. 1870; *m.* (2d) July 2, 1872 Caroline P. Rhoades of Sharon, dau. of Ellis and Caroline. Straw-bonnet manufacturer, pres. So. Framingham National Bank; res. South Framingham, Mass.

80.

Frederick Hurlbut[6] (Frederick[5], Frederick[4], Richard[3], James[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 16 Dec. 1801; *m.* 24 Oct. 1829 Mary Ann Rumrill; he *d.* 27 April 1878. Printer; res. Cambridge, Mass.

Child:

93. Frederick William[7] *b.* 2 Apr. 1839.

81.

Nathaniel G.[6] (Frederick[5], Frederick[4], Richard[3], James[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 1808; *m.* Hannah E.; *d.* 1891.

Children:

94. i. Anna Elizabeth[7] *b.* c. 1832; *m.* C. L. Jones, a manufacturer.
ii. Nathaniel G.[7], res. (1910) Greenland, N. H.
iii. Rufus H.[7], res. cor. Harvard and Lee sts., Cambridge, Mass.

82.

Otis Frederick[6] (Otis[5], Frederick[4], Richard[3], James[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 10 Oct. 1822; *m.* 20 Dec. 1843 Mary Ann Spotswood Burnell; she *d.* 17 Jan. 1874; he *d.* 25 Jan. 1888. Physician, surgeon, professor; res. Richmond, Va.

Children:

i. Sarah Spotswood[7] *b.* 18 Dec. 1844.
ii. Otis Sturdivant[7] *b.* 1 Apr. 1846.
iii. Spotswood Burnell[7] *b.* 8 Apr. 1847.
iv. Mary Burnell[7] *b.* 19 Jan. 1849.
v. Eliza Sanger[7] *b.* 23 Jan. 1850.

To this cultured lady, now Mrs. T. L. Alfriend, of 12 N. Laurel st., Richmond, we are indebted for the items concerning Otis[5] and Otis Frederick[6].

vi. William Frederick[7] *b.* 1 Aug. 1852.
vii. Mary Anna[7] *b.* 15 Oct. 1854.
viii. Lewis Burnell[7] *b.* 7 July 1856.

Dr. Manson was prominent in his profession. For many years he was a professor in the Medical College of Virginia. In the great War, he was surgeon-in-charge of a hospital in Richmond, from 1862 to 1865. Another of his offices was that of president of the city Council. He was a shining member of The Portsmouth Race.

83.

Louisa Elizabeth[7] (William[6], Theodore[5], Richard[4], John[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 7 April 1840; *m.* 8 Jan. 1863 Dr. Cyrus **Douglas**; 9 ch.; res. Tecumseh, Neb.

84.

Joseph Theodore[7] (William[6], Theodore[5], Richard[4], John[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 20 Sept. 1841; unm. Educated at Abingdon College and Ky. Un. Taught chemistry and taxidermy; then in drug business at Astoria until 1875. Moving to Denison, he engaged in the real-estate business, together with surveying for the State of Texas.

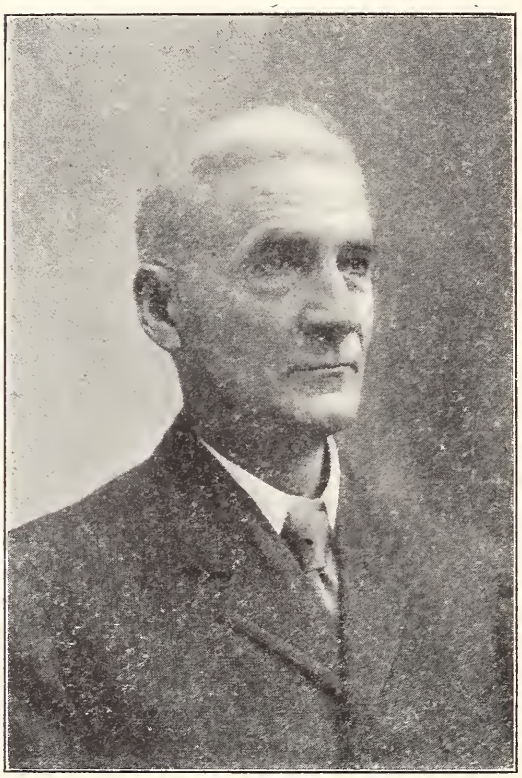
85.

Thomas Volney[7] (William[6], Theodore[5], Richard[4], John[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 26 Sept. 1843; *m.* in Lexington, Ky., 21 June 1870 Ellen Scott Bell *b.* 3 Dec. 1849—"the handsome, accomplished, modest and only daughter of C. S. Bell,"—a graduate of Sayre Female Institute, Lexington. They rejoice in eleven children.* T. V.[7] wrote in Oct. 1883, "I am sure you would be 'surprised' and completely confounded if complete returns of all the little Munsons were sent in."

Thomas Volney[7] was graduated as B.S. from Ky. Un. in 1870. For a year, he occupied the chair of natural sciences in his *alma mater.* In 1872, he started a market-garden and nursery near Lincoln, Neb. "In 1874, the hot winds of July cooked his garden and nursery in three days, and on the fourth day a blackening cloud of Rocky Mountain grasshoppers settled over the face of the land, and completely devoured his cooked garden." In 1876, he removed to Denison, Tex., where he founded the Nurseries, which have been prosperous and are widely known, while his researches and experiments have given him fame.

* One of the eleven, William Bell[8], *b.* 15 Dec. 1873, has formed a MS. book, presenting in orderly arrangement instructive genealogical memoranda which had been gathered by his father. In our account of the Colchester Branch, there are interspersed a considerable number of details from this source, as well as from the generous correspondence of Chevalier T. V.[7] M.

He has been vice-president of the American Pomological Society, V. P. of the Society for the Advancement of Horticulture, and member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The World's Cotton Centennial Exposition at New Orleans awarded him a diploma and medal of first merit for a display of native American grapes, showing species, varieties and hybrids. The National Society of France elected him to honorary membership. The French Government has conferred upon him the diploma and decorations of the Legion of Honor, with the title "Chevalier du Merite Agricole," in consideration of the valuable aid he gave the French Commissioner, Pierre Viala, in finding the best grape stocks resistant to phylloxer and capable of growing in dry, chalky soils.



THOMAS V. MUNSON.

This able man, ambitious, versatile, enthusiastic and indefatigable, has prepared a large illustrated work on the Native Grapes of North America, to gather data for which required travel to the extent of nearly 50,000 miles. Note also as complimentary that Prof. Bailey's American Encyclopedia of Horticulture has a section prepared by Munson on Viticulture in the South. His latest work, "Foundations

of American Grape Culture," was issued in 1909; it is a scholarly and elegant production.

It would require a volume to recount the attainments and achievements of Thomas Volney[7]. In 1884, the Ky. State Agricultural College conferred upon him the degree of Master of Sciences; and in 1906, the institution conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Science, the president remarking, "No man in America is better entitled to the honor."

86.

William Benjamin[7] (William[6], Theodore[5], Richard[4], John[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 7 Jan. 1846; *m.* 3 Sept. 1876 in Sherman, Tex., Mary Ella Newton *b.* Jan. 1852; 6 ch. He had a partial course at Abingdon College, and was graduated in 1869 from Ky. Un.

He had an especial aptitude for mathematics, which was famously illustrated by solving, unaided, this problem: "Required the diameter of a sphere which will displace the least liquid from a filled conical cup, six inches deep and five inches across the top."

In 1870, W. B.[7] engaged in engineering. In 1872, he was admitted to the bar. He engaged in extensive real-estate operations. In 1883, he owned a ranch comprising 80,000 acres, and leased an equal area of State's land, and his 150 miles of fencing enclosed 23,000 head of cattle, valued at $1,000,000. At that period, he sold 2,000 head of fat cattle for $70,000.

He became pres. Sherman, Shrevesport and Southern R. R. Co. and v.-p. Denison, B. and N. O. R. R., 1900-02, pres. Denison Light and Power Co., Denison Cotton-Mill Co., dir. Denison Bank and Trust Co., pres. Southwestern Surety Ins. Co., etc. He is an Independent Democrat.

His residence is Sherman, Tex.

87.

JULIETTE[7] (Artemisia[6], William[5], Richard[4], John[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *m.* in 1843 Henry J. **Raymond,** *b.* 24 Jan. 1820; he *d.* 18 June 1869. He founded and conducted the "New York Times," and was reputed one of the four greatest editors this country had produced. He was Speaker of the State Assembly in 1850; elected Lieut.-Gov. of N. Y. in 1854; was elected to Congress in 1864. Mr. Raymond published "Life and Public Services of Abraham Lincoln," in 1865. Mrs. Raymond is still living (1910), "a good deal over eighty years of age."

88.

FRANCES A.[7] (Artemisia[6], William[5], Richard[4], John[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *m.* 2 March 1854 Robert D. **Benedict,** son of a professor in the University of Burlington, who is reported also as the first editor of "The Free Press." R. D. B. practiced law in New York for fifty-five years.

FRANCES A. WEAVER,
Aetatis 20.

He is author of Reports of Cases Argued and determined in the District Courts of the United States Within the Second Circuit (10 vols.), 1869-1882, and many published addresses; and is editor of Benedict's Admiralty, 3d edit. 1900. He is a Republican, director of Long Island Hist. Soc., trustee of Adelphi College, memb. Soc. of Colonial Wars, Mil. Order Foreign Wars, 1st V. P. Order

of Settlers and Defenders of America, and is a member of Hamilton and Congregational Clubs.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Benedict for many years was at 363 Adelphi st., Brooklyn. Mr. B.'s health failing, he returned three years ago to his native town, Burlington, Vt., where he and his accomplished wife are proving what pleasantness and charm there may be in life's sunset.

89.

William Day[7] (William B.[6], William[5], Richard[4], John[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* in Colch. 7 Feb. 1833; *m.* Dec. 1857 Julia Annie Henderson of Sherbrooke, Canada East; she *d.* 24 June 1878. Civil engineer, soldier, sheriff, etc.; res. Colchester, Vt.

Children:

i. William Henry[8]; 4 ch.; res. Colchester.
ii. Minnie May[8] *b.* in Winooski; *m.* —— Wright; child, Edwin Munson[9].

William D.[7] was a graduate of Norwich Military Institute in 1855; was a civil engineer in Wisconsin 1855-6; sheriff of Chittenden Co., Vt. 1864-5-6-7.

He enlisted for nine months as a private in the 13th Regt. Vt. Volunteers; was promoted 6 Sept. 1862 to be Capt. of Co. D; became Lieut.-Col. 5 May 1863; wounded 3 July '63; was in Battle of Gettysburg; mustered out of service 23 July '63.

A venture in conducting a hotel was unprosperous. About 1878 he went South with a view to teaching music; his wife accompanied him but soon died. In 1883 he was in Greenville, S. C., teaching music.

90.

Charles Paine[7] (William B[6]. William[5], Richard[4], John[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* 5 June 1840; was 21 in 1861, when he

enlisted for three years in the Twelfth Regt. of the Regular Army, Co. D. He was taken prisoner, and incarcerated in Andersonville, where he died of starvation 20 Aug, 1864, just at the expiration of his term.

91.

David Kean[7] (David Kean[6], Thomas,[5] Jun., Thomas[4], Joseph[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* in Salisbury, Mass., 1841 or 2; *m.*, being of Kittery, (intention filed 1 Jan. 1869,) Mary J. Moore of York; living, with his wife, at Kittery Point in May, 1906.

Child:

i. Charles Henry[8], *m.* Mary Jane Brogan, *b.* in Omagh, Tyrone Co., Ireland, 21 May 1864. (Have two dau.) Res. Everett, Mass. Occ., distributes "Glendale Spring" water in Boston.

When David Kean[7] was five years old (in 1846 or 7), he was visiting at the home of his aunt Mary (Fort Hill). He was sent with a three-pint pail to a spring for water. He encountered a man who seemed very old and who had a wooden leg. The ancient asked the litttle fellow who he was, what his name was. "I am a Manson boy." The child was frightened when the stranger retorted, "No, you are a little Monson boy." "No, I ain't, I am Manson." "No," persisted the wooden-leg, "you are a little Monson boy."

As above noted, D. K.[7] was born in Salisbury, Mass.; he resorted to Kittery at the age of twenty and was there when he attained his majority.

92.

Alfred Small[7] (William[6], John[5], William[4], Samuel[3], John[2], Richard[1]) *b.* in Searsmont, Waldo Co., Me. He wrote me from 1 Allston st. Nov. 2, 1899, that he came to Boston 1864-5, and "have been nearly all the time since connected with school-book publishing interests. I am a

descendant," he said, "of Richard Monson—Munson—Manson." He told a member of the Family in Kittery that he married late in life and had one son. A. S.[7] *d.* in 1903. His widow was living, 1906, in West Medford, Mass. The son, Waldo S.[8] Manson, is a member of the "Boston Floor Co." When I saw him June 30, 1910, at the office, 22 Kingston st., Boston, he was rejoicing in the recent advent of an heir to his home.

ALFRED S. MANSON.

For a long while, Alfred S.[7], as opportunity was afforded, had gathered information concerning the Family descended from Richard the First. The conclusion at which he aimed, appears in a postscript to a memorandum with which he favored a Kittery lad 4 Feb. 1892 in reference to his ancestry: "This record will inform him, if I do not live to perfect the record of the whole Family and print it, as I expect to do." Since the decease of the writer of these words, various persons have applied for information, or for permission to examine the collection, or have sought to have it made available to genealogical inquirers, but without success.

In the autumn of 1909, Waldo S.[8] informed me that it was the desire and purpose of his mother to employ a competent genealogist to collate the materials and reduce them to an orderly and intelligible form; then a typewritten copy would be committed to the custody of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society of 18 Somerset st., Boston, that it might be accessible to all who should wish to consult it.

In Feb. 1899, Mr. Manson sold at auction his very remarkable library of Americana. The printed Catalogue of these works, several thousand in number, fills over 500 pages, and the sale occupied three and a half days. In their introduction to the Catalogue, Libbie & Co., the eminent auctioneers, whose sales of distinguished collections of books the writer used to attend thirty-five years ago, these men of wide experience say, "In completeness as a collection of New England History, no library like it has ever passed through our rooms nor sold elsewhere in Boston."

Even the Catalogue of this Library is a monument to the superior intelligence, knowledge, enterprise and enthusiasm of Alfred Small Manson.

93.

Frederick William[7] (Frederick H.[6], Frederick[5], Frederick[4], Richard[3], James[2], Richard[1]) *b.* in Boston 2 April 1839; *m.* 17 May 1865 Josephine Withington; she *d.* 10 Feb. 1878; 4 ch.; *m.* (2d) Sarah Ellen Crafts 19 Oct. 1881. Broker; res. Newton Highlands, Mass.

Children:

i. Lillian Josephine[8] *b.* 8 Oct. 1866; *m.* Cyrus W. Scott.
ii. Fred Irving[8] *b.* 15 Aug. 1868; *d.* 30 May 1873.
iii. Kate Withington[8] *b.* 15 Nov. 1870.
iv. Edith[8] *b.* 9 Aug. 1875.

94.

Anna Elizabeth[7] (Nathaniel G.[6], Frederick[5], Frederick[4], Richard[3], James[2], Richard[1]) *b.* c. 1832; *m.* C. L.

Jones, manufacturer; she *d.* in Feb. 1910, *ae.* 78; res. Harvard st., Cambridge.

Children:

i. William H.[8], res. Newton.
ii. Nathaniel Manson[8], with Harvard Trust Co., Cambridge.

Anna E.[7] accumulated copious genealogical materials in regard to her branch, the record of which she "kept in her own way." A very useful chart made from this record was furnished by N. Manson Jones, whose courtesy and resoluteness are illustrated by the remark—"I worked over it last evening until 2 this A. M."

Ecclesiastical Notes relative to the Spruce-Creek Region; and Notes relative to the Connection, Civil and Religious, of Isles of Shoals with Kittery.

The inhabitants of the northerly coasts of Spruce Creek, finding the sanctuary of "y^e^ Low^r^ Parrish of Kittery" inconvenient, craved religious privileges in their own neighborhood. Accordingly, 14 Sept. 1724, "Voted, That the Reverend M^r^ John Newmarch Minister of this Parrish Do Preach the one half of his Time in M^r^ Joseph Curtises old house or in some other Convenient place near the head of Spruce Creek for y^e^ Time to come." Forty-two "Decent," the first being W^m^ Pepperell Jun^r^ Of course no Monsons voted with these southern decenters.

The following March, voted that a Committee pitch upon two places on one and the other side of Spruce Creek on which the Parrish may build two meeting-houses. March 9, 1729/30 there was a decided move apparently for building "a Meeting house at or near y^e^ head of Spruce Creek." And March 23, 1747, "Voted that Two hundred & one pounds old ten^r^ be Raised to Support a Minister att the head of Spruce Creek ye year ensuing."

We have already seen that municipal authority over the Isles of Shoals has been divided between Kittery and Portsmouth. To further illustrate and emphasize Kittery's jurisdiction, we quote two items: It is recorded in the account of a town-meeting held March 16, 1752—"William Keswell Chosen Constable for the Isle of Shoals." In a record-book of "The first parish in Kittery," under date of June 4, 1794, is this notice of a baptism—"A son for John Haley (Isle of Shoals) named John." (Note that *Haley's* has displaced "Smutty Nose" as the name of one of the Isles.)

JOSEPH[3]
(John[2], Richard[1])

- Thomas[4] *m.* Abigail Staples
  - James[5]
    - Mark,[6] Jr.
    - Nathaniel[6]
    - Charlotte[6]
    - Charles[6]
  - Thomas[5]
  - Simon[5]
  - Mark[5]
    - Oliver[6]
    - Caroline[6]
    - Louisa[6]
    - Parker[6]
    - Albert[6]
  - Oliver[5]
    - Clarissa[6] *m.* Keene
    - Catharine[6] *m.* Goodsoe
    - Ellen[6] *m.* Locke
    - Woodbury[6]
    - Luther[6]
    - Elizabeth[6]
    - Jane[6]
    - Anna[6]
    - Abigail[6]
  - Theodore[5]
    - Leonard[6]
    - Julia A[6]. *m.* Shorey
    - Adeline[6]
  - Parker[5]
    - Frances[6]
    - Mary[6]
    - Anna[6]
  - William[5]
    - John[6]
    - Theodore[6]
    - Maria[6]
- Joseph[4]
  - Thomas[5]
  - Margery[5] *m.* Leach
- Benjamin[4]
  - Benjamin[5]
  - William[5]
  - Joshua[5]
  - Daniel[5]
  - Henry[5]
- Noah[4]
  - Noah[5]
  - Charles[5]

Information furnished by OLIVER[6] to Eva K., the wife of his son Alvah C.,[7] and charted by myself. Varying at some points from our general Chart, it may be useful to future students.

MISCELLANEOUS MEMORANDA.

Taxing Tools.—Sept. 30, 1763. "Rate or Tax made Tools and Estates Rateable in the Middle Parish in Kittery for paying the minister's Salary and Other Parish Charges arising within the same at four shillings on Each Tool and Two Pence on ye Pound for Estates." Whole tax, £65. List includes Joseph Manson and Samuel Manson; Samuel Manson, Jr., was in the list of 1765.

Aid for Harvard.—Belknap's Hist. of N. H., I, 98: The people were united with them [of Massachusetts] in principles and affection. This affection was demonstrated [in 1669] by their ready concurrence with the proposal for a general collection, for the purpose of erecting a new brick building at Harvard College,* the old wooden one being small and decayed. The town of Portsmouth, which was now become the richest, made a subscription of sixty pounds per annum for seven years; and after five years, passed a town vote to carry this engagement into effect. Dover gave thirty-two, and Exeter ten pounds for the same laudable purpose.

How the Parson was Induced to Change his Opinion.—In Drake's Hist. of Middlesex Co., the Rev. George A. Oviatt presents an amusing experience of an eminent pastor of the church in Sudbury. Mr. Loring's ministry extended over sixty-five years, and his life covered eighty-nine. This pastor was the father of Elizabeth, *b.* 1712, who in 1746 became the wife of Richard[3] Monson.† Mr. Oviatt alleges that the following story is well authenticated:

Mr. Loring refused to baptize children who were born on the Sabbath. At length Mrs. Loring gave birth to twins on the Lord's Day. Thereupon the clergyman publicly con-

* This building was erected in 1672, and consumed by fire in 1764.

† So spelled in Barry's Hist. of Framingham, 1847.

fessed his error, and in due time administered the ordinance to Sarah and Susana, his own Sabbath-born children.*

Remarkable Abstinence.—The mother of Elizabeth and the famous twins Sarah and Susana, *d.* 24 Dec. 1769 in her 88th year. "For forty-five of her last years, she ate but one meal in twenty-four hours, and that was ordinarily a little bread and cheese, shortly before she retired at night; and yet her health was such that she was able to conduct her domestic affairs, till about ten days before her death."—Sprague's *Annals.*

A Novel Designation.—On a guideboard west of Kittery, I read, "Kittery, Foreside," 1 mile.

UNLOCATED FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS.

In the account of the Portsmouth treasurer, under date of 2 Sept. 1680, appears the name of William Munson. It is a meteoric appearance; he flashes into view for a moment and disappears.

Joseph[a] (query) resided on the place next north of his grandson Dennis' residence (1906). He sold his farm and removed to Nottingham.

Robert[b] (son of Joseph[a]) *b.* 1775; *m.* 27 Nov. 1806 Hannah Fernald of Kittery, *b.* 1788; he *d.* 13 Nov. 1845, *ae.* 70; she *d.* 20 Oct. 1871, *ae.* 83; occ., "fisherman"; res. in Kittery next north of son's home (in 1906).

Children:

Dennis[c] *b.* 13 June 1822.
Robert[c], jun.

Robert[b], sen., "went to sea" 20 summers—was captain of fishing vessels; and taught school 20 winters.

* *b.* 10 Nov. 1724.

Dennis[c] *b.* 13 June 1822; *m.* in Kittery 28 Nov. 1850 Lucy Jane Blaisdell of York, Me., *b.* 27 March 1831; res. Kittery; both living in 1906. Four of their 7 ch. living at that date. Dennis Alfred[d] is an electrical engineer in Washington, D. C.; another is Warren F.[d]; another is a carpenter in Boston, with residence in Waverley, Mass.

Robert[c], jun., removed from Kittery to Newington, where he bought a farm. At the age of 70, he sold this place, and went to Rye, N. H., to live with his daughter; her husband's name was Garland; they have a son living in Rye. Robert[c], jun., was killed by being thrown from a carriage; he was on his way to the cemetery to place flowers on his wife's grave, when his horse dashed into a place where he had been accustomed to go; the sufferer survived eleven hours.

David Monson *m.* 27 Jan. 1739 Martha Odell.

Oliver Manson *m.* 18 Feb. 1808 (int. 16 Jan.).

Oliver Manson *m.* 10 June 1838 Elizabeth D. Norton.

Thomas Manson of Kittery, shipwright, 27 Feb. 1794 conveys to James Manson of Kittery, yeoman, for £60 one acre with dwelling-house.
Witnesses, Benjamin Manson and Timothy Manson.

Samuel Manson of Kittery, 1782 transfers to his son Benjamin of K., "labourer," 4 acres 148 rods with dwelling-house.

Samuel Manson of Kittery, ship-carpenter, had a wife named Lydia 26 Dec. 1799; it is a good guess that he married Lydia Monson of Kittery 7 Oct. 1768.

Samuel Manson of Georgetown in the county of Lincoln, Mass., husbandman; his wife Elizabeth released to James

Manson of Kittery her right of dower in 12 acres adjoining land of Benjamin Manson, "and is the land which my honored Grandfather John Manson in his last will gave to the Eldest heir of my late honoured Father Sammuel Manson."

Robert and Mary are reported as having been received into full communion by the Cong. Church in Scarboro—Mary 8 Nov. 1741 and Robert 3 Jan. 1742.

Drew transferred 21 Aug. 1695 to Richard Monson 13 acres bounded N. E. on Hugh Banfield; Hugh is a witness. (Children are Hannah and Hugh.)

Hannah Monson, widow, "heretofore wife of Hugh Banfill late of Portsmouth," has two signatures:

Feb. 1, 1753

Nov. 4, 1758

Peter Munson of Elko, Elko Co., Nevada, a contractor in the "Star Route" mail service, wrote me in reply, Oct. 8, 1884: "There were over one hundred Munsons in Maine where I was raised, in 1840. They are now scattered. My age is 73."

Lost in my archives, is a witty, humorous, cogent criticism by Mr. Munson of some complaint relative to his public duties. The little satire is rich, and I deeply regret its loss.

A Quarterly issued by William and Mary College furnishes these items:

In 1822 Francis E. Manson was a Virginia student of medicine at the University of Maryland.

Robert Manson of York Co., Va., *m.* Mary Pescud; ch. were Anna *b.* 1771, and six others.

Peter Manson *b.* 1697, res. Elizabeth City county, *m.* 22 Apr. 1725 Hannah Kerby *b.* 24 Jan. 1708; she *d.* 8 Dec. 1754; he *d.* 16 Feb. 1755.

Children:

Mary *b.* 3 Nov. 1726.
John *b.* 5 Sept. 1728.
Frances *b.* 17 Sept. 1732.
Elizabeth *b.* 18 May 1735.
Peter, jr., *b.* 4 Dec. 1737; *d.* 8 Dec. 1757.
Hannah, jr., *b.* 21 Jan. 1741-2.
Robert *b.* 17 Aug. 1748.

THE ISLES OF SHOALS, AND ROBERT MONSON.

Out in the Atlantic, about ten miles southeasterly from Portsmouth, N. H., and Kittery, Me., are several rocky and barren islets—usually counted as eight—which are known as the Isles of Shoals.* All together they measure less than six hundred acres. Vegetation is small and scant. When the place was visited in 1623, by Christopher Leavitt, he "could see," he tells us, "not one good timber-tree, or so much good ground as to make a garden." Until rather recently the importance of the tiny archipelago resided in its fisheries;† and its inhabitants were fishermen and their families, numbering at the most flourishing era (c. 1775) not more than from three to four hundred. Now-a-days, this cluster of rugged, granite rocks appeals to the invalid, the artist, and the pleasure-seeker. The jurisdiction of New Hampshire extends over Star, White, and one or two others, while Appledore, Haley's, etc., belong to Maine.

About 1676, William Pepperell, at the age of twenty-two, settled at The Shoals, and established an extensive fishery.

* Discovered by Capt. John Smith in 1614.

† Read in *Winthrop's Journal*:—1640 Mo. 10 (December). About the end of this month, a fishing ship arrived at Isle of Shoals, and another soon after, and there came no more this season for fishing.

A great captain of industry, he acquired wealth, and after some twenty years, removed to Kittery, where he married, and became the father of the greatest merchant and the greatest soldier in the Colonies.* Sir William achieved enduring distinction by the capture of Louisbourg.

Some of the earliest footprints of civilization and Christianity in New England fell upon the Isles of Shoals. On Appledore, the site of the first settlement, there flourished a hamlet which included a church, and an academy of wide repute. The historian Williamson conceives that the meeting-house on Appledore may have been the first in the province of Maine. In 1642, Rector Gibson of Portsmouth was banished for two misdemeanors; one of them was that he had performed marriages and baptisms at the Isles of Shoals. When Appledore decayed, A. D. 1700, the sceptre passed to Star Island, and to this day, the highest point on the island is crowned by the old stone church.† It was recorded by the First Church, Portsmouth, that July 4, 1787, there were baptisms of children in four families at the Isles.

The motive for presenting these glimpses of the Isles of Shoals is not mainly their intrinsic interest, but the fact that they were the dwelling-place of Robert Monson, the first of the Portsmouth Race who departed this life.

ROBERT MONSON.

Our knowledge of this ancient citizen is derived from two documents which are preserved in the archives of the State of New Hampshire, at Concord.‡ They are quoted below:

"23 June 1677 Granted unto Henry putt administracon to y^e^ estate of Robert Monson of Isles of Shoales deceased. And Hen put & Rog^r^ Kelley bind themselves in a bond of 40 l e§ that s^d^ putt shall administer according to Law."

* This statement concerning birthplace is disputed. A recent visitor to Appledore affirms that Sir William was born there; "a tablet marks the spot."

† This quaint structure has "a brick floor and candles stuck in the broad window-seats."

‡ The "Inventory" I first saw and copied in the probate office at Exeter, N. H., May 1, 1883.

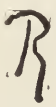
§ £.

"Robart Monsons Inventory who departed this life 10th of May 1677

to one sute of clothes	1–10–0
" " " " "	1–05–0
to tow sharts tow neckloths & tow sasashes	0–10–0
to one hate and one pare of plane shus	0–10–0
to old sea clothes	1–00–0
to one roge and bed	1–10–0
to one pare of buts	0–06–0
to one chest	0–06–0
to 4 youes and 3 lames	2–00–0
to share of fishe weare	10–00–0
to partligh	6–00–0
	24–06–0

P r wee whoos names are heare under written

Roger Kelly

the Richard  marke of Monson

Sworne unto p Eliza Putt 26 June 1677

E. S. Cleri/"

[Elias Stillman, Clerk.]

What biographical facts are disclosed by these records? That a Monson whose given name was Robert died two hundred and thirty-three years ago; that he dwelt at the Isles of Shoals, on a member of the group belonging to New Hampshire; that he was a fisherman, and dwelt in a community of fishermen; that he was part-owner of a large fish-trap consisting of fences of stakes or wattled brush or netting, forming successive enclosures into which fish were directed by a prolonged fence and whence they might not escape; that he kept a few sheep; that we remain in the dark concerning his relatives; that he died twenty-five years before Richard[1] Monson.

As to conjectures: For twenty-seven years I have inclined to the supposition that Richard Monson, who was one of the appraisers of Robert's estate, was Robert's son; possibly they may have been brothers; we may GUESS that Robert was

a widower, that Eliza Putt who certified that the Inventory was a faithful exhibit, was Robert's daughter, and that she was the wife of the administrator, Hen Putt, and that likely enough the home of the Putts was Monson's home; but we are resolute in affirming that family history must not be built upon conjecture.

☞ Since the foregoing account was written, by the painstaking and fruitful efforts of Mr. Mason we have been enriched with discoveries of interesting and valuable records connecting Robert Munson with King Philip's War.

Here is the surgeon's bill, as presented to the authorities of Massachusetts Bay: "What is due Edward Cliff for . . . curing Robertt Munson, his arme being broke and his hand being wounded by shott," £3.

Deposition.—"Henry Crichett deposes that being in company with Samuel Browne and Anthony Preston and Robertt Munson sometime in August last, this deponent did hear the said Munson say that Edward Cliff had cured him of the wound he had received of the Indians in the Country service."

It is alleged by Bodge in his "Soldiers of King Philip's War," that Robert Munson served in King Philip's War under Capt. Samuel Wordsworth, in June 1676.*

We cannot escape the conviction that the Munson wounded in King Philip's War was the fisherman of the Isles of Shoals; for, in the first place, Robert the fisherman is the only Robert of that era known to us; and, secondly, Robert the fisherman died the year after Robert the soldier was wounded by the Indians; and, thirdly, the depositions of Crichett and Browne imply that the soldier Robert was no longer living. It is a respectable surmise that the wounds of the Indian fighter (acquired in June 1676) resulted a year later in the death of Robert the fisherman (which occurred May 10, 1677).

* Hull's Account, June 24, 1676, credits him with service entitling to 03 06 00.—*N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg.* 40: 396.

ROBERT OF SCARBOROUGH.

Robert* (query) *m.* Abigail† daughter of Jonathan Littlefield‡ of Wells, Me.; he was living 10 Feb. 1756, had *d.* before 13 Oct. 1758; she was living 20 June 1762. "Husbandman" and "Yeoman"; res. Wells and Scarborough, Me.

Children:

i. Stephen, *d.* Sept. 1751.
ii. Joseph, *b.* bf. 1726; *m.* 27 June 1749.
iii. Mindwell *bp.* 7 July 1728 in Cong. ch. Scarb.; member Cong. ch. Scarboro 25 Oct. 1741; admitted to full communion 8 Nov. 1741; *m.* 5 Jan. 1749, in 2d Cong. ch. Scarb., Richard Dresser of Gorham, Me.
iv. Robert, jr., *bp.* 26 March 1732.
The Junior was Listed with his father in Scarborough 29 June 1747.

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* Two marriageable female Munsons appear in Scarborough; we may think it a good guess that they were Robert's relatives, say, sisters.

"Nath[l] Milliken and Sarah Munson were marryed Augt. 5[th] 1731 by Rev. M[r] W[m] Tompson." Nathaniel was *bp.* in Brattle Street Church, Boston, 24 April 1709. Settled in Scarborough at Dunstan in 1730. They had thirteen ch., of whom were

Children:

i. Jonathan *b.* 10 June 1733.
ii. Nathaniel *b.* 18 Feb. 1734.
iii. Abigail *b.* 14 Oct. 1748.
iv. Elizabeth *b.* 7 Oct. 1750.
v. Isaac *b.* 29 May 1752.
vi. Joshua *b.* 10 Apr. 1756.

In the burial-ground at Dunstan, on a slab of slate overhung by a weeping-willow, we read—

Joshua Milliken died Nov. 27, 1833, *ae.* 76.
Margaret his wife *d.* Feb. 25, 1852, *ae.* 92.
Daniel son of Joshua and Peggy Milliken
d. Dec. 26, 1813, *ae.* 13.

'Westbrook Knight§ and Abigail Munson were married March 23[d] 1735/6."

† Her brother Pelatiah published an "intention" of marriage 11 Sept. 1731.

‡ Town-Clerk George G. Hatch informed the writer that there were in Wells some years ago, 135 Littlefields who were legal voters!

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§ Robert Munson is in a partnership with Westbrook Knight of Scarb. 13 Jan. 1729/30.

R. M. and W. K. are creditors of Phinehas Jones, of Falmouth, trader, 29 Nov. 1743.

To Mr. Mason we are indebted for the earliest fact known concerning this Robert Munson, to wit: that, in 1703, he was a member of Capt. Preble's company of militia at York, Me. This town was the county-seat,* the county embracing Kittery, six or seven miles southwest, and Wells, twelve or thirteen miles north by east.

Our first distinct knowledge of Robert as a resident and property-owner locates him at Wells, just referred to. The date is 1715. Read this from the town-records:

"At a Leagoll meeting of the frehoulders and other Inhabitants of the town of Wells on the : 23 : day of March: 171$\frac{4}{5}$: then by a leagoll Voate—Given and Granted Onto Robert Monson & his Heirs for ever one hundred acres of Land and ten acres of fresh meddowe lying between Land Granted to Daniell Morrison and newshewanack Path, not Intrenching on any former grants; on condition that the said Monson make improvement of sd Land within two years from this day by settling, building, and breaking up sum part theire of, and Continnew to settle and dwell on the same by himself or sucsessers for the space of five years except he be Prevented by frensh or Indian Enemys; and on neglect of Performing the Conditions aforesaid, the land is to return to the town again."

North-easterly from Wells, at a distance of twenty-four miles was Dunstan, known to us as Scarborough. There we find Robert in 1726, and there he dwelt ever after.

There is evidence that in the same year he was witness at York, on the 14th of July, to the signing of an instrument by Benj. Preble.

That Mr. Munson was active in business is hinted by his transactions in

Real Estate.—May 10, 1727, Robert Munson of Scarborough and D. Morrison for £40 purchase of C. P. ½ of 200 acres with ½ of a water-power on Nonsuch River in Scarb., where the two are obligated to build a sawmill. In 1728/9,

* York was practically the capital of the province at that period; the courts for the whole province were held there, and the records there kept, until 1760.

Munson bought of D. Morrison for £28 15^{s} his interest in "a certain Tract of Land, Sawmill & other Privileges . . on Nonsuch River." In 1743, Robert, "Yeoman," for £10 sells J. B. ¼ sawmill "on the upper Falls of Nonsuch River," with land.

Nov. 9, 1728, Robert Munson for £12 conveyed to Francis Littlefield of Wells 10 acres of Fresh Meadow "w^{ch} was given and granted to me . . . at a legal Meeting of the Freeholders . . . of Wells on y^{e} 23^{d} day of March *Anno Domini* 1714/15." The 26th of the same month Robert Munson bought of S. W. "Tenn Acres" in Scarb.

Jan. 13, 1729/30, Charles Pine, Robert Munson, Westbrook Knight, and five others, pay £752 for 800 acres in Biddeford and Scarborough—"Beginning y^{e} North East Corner of the Upper Chunker (so called)." In 1744, May 18, Robert re-sells to the Rowleys for £200 his ⅛th of the 800-acre Upper Chunker tract.* The year of the Chunker purchase, Apr. 13, Robert purchased of Philip Call 70 acres in S.; price, £12. The same year, Nov. 14, for £116 he sold J. Hill 100 acres in Wells. The April purchase of 70 acres was disposed of by Robert in 1732, Dec. 1, to his father-in-law, Jonathan Littlefield; price, £12 7^{s}.

28 July 1739, Robert, husbandman, and Abigail his wife, and R. Boothby and wife, convey to "our Loving Brother Pelatiah Littlefield of Wells," our part of the Estate which was our Honoured Father's Jonathan Littlefield's of Wells: 20 acres, 600 A., 16 A. of salt marsh, 10 A. of fresh meadow; ¼ of sawmill, the iron-work belonging thereto, ¼ of mill-privilege, and ¼ of 200 A. + 100 A., etc.

In 1732, Yeoman Munson for £23 sold J. S. $\frac{1}{16}$ of 80 acres on the east side of None-such River, "joining upon Two Pair of Falls," lying "about Five Miles from Dunsten Landing Place."

* Westbrook Knight, "husbandman," of Scarb., 3 Sept. 1744 for £37½ re-sells ⅛ of same 800 acres. (Wife is Abigail.)

In 1743, Feb. 18, Robert, Abigail and Joseph (not yet *m.* presumably) for £70 sell S. L. 30 acres in Scarb. "Beginning at a Black Ash Tree markt R. M."

Three sales in Feb. 1756 have been noted. Feb. 10th, Robert Munson,* Abigail and Joseph for £33 sell J. Perry 40 acres bequeathed by Stephen to R. and A. for life, then to pass to J. (Joseph's wife Sarah here appears.) The same day, the same three persons, for £33, sell 20 acres, from the estate of Stephen, to J. H. Feb. 27th, Robert sold 14½ acres to Josiah Milliken of Scarb. (son of Sarah Munson). R. signs by a most remarkable "mark."

Public Service, civil and military.—March 13, 1732, R. M. was chosen one of four "Survayers of y^e^ high wayes." March 17, 1735, "Robard Monson chosen Tything man." At a town-meeting 15 March 1735/6 Robt Monson was chosen the first of two field-drivers and fence-viewers. March 12, 1743, the town chose Robert the first of two "Hogg reaves."

In the list of petitioners for settlement of Nanhagansett, presented to House of Representatives 12 June 1742, is the name of Robert Munson.

Robert's name is found on the muster-roll of the Scarboro section of Capt. George Berry's company at Falmouth 19 May 1746 to 19 Jan. 1747, as quoted by the Me. Gen. and Biog. Reg. I. 97.

Both Robert, sen., and Robert, jr., are among the men Listed in Scarborough 29 June 1747.

During the war† of which the capture of Louisbourg was the distinguished event, Robert was a member of Capt. George Berry's company, entering the service 3 June 1747; and the Captain directed Commissary Proute 29 June 1747 to deliver to the Scarborough contingent the provisions that

* The uniform spelling of Robert's name in conveyances.

† "King George's War," 1744-1748.

were necessary. Munson's term of service was twenty-five weeks and six days.*

Public Service, ecclesiastical.—At a town-meeting Sept. 11, 1727, five men, one of them "Mr Robert Monson," chosen "to Desecode the Reuevend William Tomson to see whether he will sauvre the town in the work of the Ministry. . . and to know what Tearms."

March 22, 1727: "Robert Monson and Samuel libby chosen to reseve the contry Bushion mony . . . and to keep all the mark mony and to take account of every man's mony and to keep the same till order from the Select men and to deliver all the unmark mony to the minister."

Post-mortem.—Abigail "Relict of Mr Robert Monson," and the wife of Joseph, relinquish certain rights of dower 13 Oct. 1758. And the Widow unites with Joseph and Sarah 14 March 1761 in conveying 40 acres in Scarborough "at a place called Callerumbly." Abigail last comes to view 20 June 1762 in the act of conveying—in connection with her son and his wife Sarah—another tract of forty acres.

Stephen (Robert), unm.; *d.* Sept. 1751. Husbandman, labourer, yeoman; res. Scarborough, Me.

Stephen Munson of Scarb., "husbandman," buys of Joseph 80 acres and 20 A. in Scarb. 12 Dec. 1747. Stephen, "labourer," 8 Dec. 1748 sells Nathl Knight Gentm ⅓ of 60 acres. Westbrook Knight a witness.

March 7, 1750, Stephen of Scarb., "yeoman," for £100 sells Joseph ½ of a tract on the N. E. side of the Mast Road. Also ½ of another tract in S. Twenty acres "which had been laid out to one Stephen Munson," sold by devisees Feb. 10, 1756. Another tract of 40 acres, a part of Stephen's estate, sold same day to J. H.

* The facts in this important paragraph are, I believe, mainly a contribution of Mr. Mason, and it is a contribution for which the present writer is grateful.

Stephen enlisted 20 Sept. 1750 and served until 1 Nov. 1750, six weeks and one day, in Capt. Isaac Ilsbey's Co. of Falmouth.

Stephen Munson, "being very sick," made his Will 11 Sept. 1751, and it was in court 30 Sept. '51. His lands, 20 acres + 20 + 30 (the last lying "over None Such River") are to be the possession of his honored father and mother during their life, and then pass to Joseph. His father is to be executor.

Joseph (Robert) *b.* apparently before 1720; *m.* 27 June 1749 Sarah Morse of Newbury; she was living in 1774; he was living 4 April 1812. "Trader" 1740, "coaster" 1747, "mariner" 1747, "labourer" 1748, "husbandman" 1762, 1773, "yeoman" 1758, 1791; res. Scarborough and Machias, Me.

Children:

i. Stephen.
ii. Joseph.
iii. John.
iv. Robert.

We are able to learn little concerning Joseph's career in Scarborough, except items relative to transactions in real-estate, and near its close relative to migration. We are informed however that he and five others were elected "Hogg reavs" in 1761, and that judgment for £12 14^{s} went against him in 1764, the case being won by the Boston litigant.

The first transaction in real-estate on record is dated 15 May 1740, Joseph of Scarb., "Trader," buying for £30 of Thomas Mason of Dover, 100 acres of upland and marsh in Scarb. In 1743, Joseph, "yeoman," joined his parents in selling 30 acres.

Nov. 16, 1747, Joseph, "Marriner," buys of J. L. 80 + 20 acres in S.; price, £50. Dec. 12, following, Joseph Munson of Scarb., Mass. Bay, "Coaster," for £500 old Tenor sells

Stephen, husbandman, the same. C. F., 21 Oct. 1749, releases Joseph's mortgage on 80 acres, given the preceding June 8th. In 1750 Stephen sold his brother ½ of two tracts in S.

Joseph Munson for £8 sells 9 acres; "begins at a Hemlock Tree markt J M & runs North East Forty Two Rods," etc. Date, 19 Nov. 1753. Wife Sarah subscribes. In 1756 he joined his parents in selling 20 acres and 40 acres. In 1758, for £16, he conveys to R. King 1¾ acres "on N. E. side of Highway leading N. W. from Dunston Meeting House." In 1761, he joins his mother in selling 40 acres at Callerumbly, in S. The same year Aug. 7, for 76£ 13^{s} 7^{d} he mortgages 36 acres "on each side Broadturn Road so Called" in Scarb.

In March 1762, "Husbandman" Joseph makes a £10 purchase. May 1st, following, he sold R. King for £10 fourteen acres of 100 bought of Mason in 1740; and 11 Oct. 1763, he sold the remaining 86 acres to King. June 20, 1762, he conveyed 40 acres, formerly Stephen's. Sept. 11th following, for £20 he sold A. A. 30 acres. May 13, 1763, for £25 he sold Edw. Milliken 25 acres.

The latest transaction before his migration is recorded under date of 15 March 1765: Joseph Munson of Scarb. for £9 sold Richard King 15 acres. Joseph Munson of Machias, "husbandman," 30 July 1773 for £150 sells J. B. 20 acres including orchard, in Scarborough. Aug. 11, 1786, Joseph of Machias, yeoman, for £6 sells G. S. 10 acres in Scarb. And last of all his dealings in Scarborough real-estate, we have: Sept. 5, 1791, Joseph for £20 sells R. B. of Scarb. 40 acres.

As already quoted, Joseph Munson* was said to be "of Scarborough" by a deed executed March 15, 1765. According to Vol. iii of Collections of the Maine Hist. Soc. p. 220,

* The numerous descendants of Joseph spell their surname Munson, as do the descendants of Richard^{4}—the Colchester branch.

he removed to the Machias wilderness in 1765. It is in evidence, however, that he was arranging, with others, two years earlier, for an encampment there, agreeably to which the Maine Register for 1883 avers that in 1763 thirteen citizens of Scarborough, with three of other places, formed an association "for the purpose of erecting a double sawmill" in that far eastern locality,* adding that they effected a permanent settlement in May of that year. Munson was one of these adventurers. In the year of his migration (1765), he was one of six settlers who invited Capt. Ichabod Jones of Boston to unite with them and others in building a double sawmill on the west bank of the East Machias branch of Machias river. In compliance with a petition, the General Court of Mass. Bay granted a tract eight miles by ten for a township, to 80 persons, 54 of them being from Scarborough.

POSTSCRIPT.

The adventurer who sends forth presently, one might say prematurely, the foregoing historical essay, dismisses the Scarborough Munsons to the cordial and competent attentions of Mr. Albert C. Mason, who will accompany Joseph to Machias and his posterity to the neighboring towns and to regions afar. In due time, it is hoped that the information which he accumulates with so much effort and self-sacrifice will be printed, and that the publication will find many appreciative and grateful readers. Such will hasten to declare that nothing previously done in behalf of the Machias Munsons has done so much to promote their self-respect and happiness.

I have been desired to offer a little comment upon the relation of the Scarborough Munsons to the Portsmouth Race of Monsons—Munsons—Mansons. We have been baffled, as other investigators have been, by the great defects in the

* As the crow flies, 175 miles—much farther as the pioneers travelled.

records of that region two centuries ago, and indeed later. We have too often failed accordingly to bring out into the light a clear answer to inquiries like the present, Who was Robert Munson's father?

Mr. Mason's efforts have carried our acquaintance with Robert back to a date twelve years earlier than my own researches had found him, namely, 1703. This was the year in which Pioneer Richard's eldest grandchild was born. Robert at that date was of such mature years as qualified him for military service, which makes it easy to surmise that he may have belonged to the second *generation,* that of Richard's children. But we have a good list of Richard's five children, and there is nothing to suggest that it lacks a Robert.

I find no serious objection to the theory that Robert of Scarborough was son of Robert of Isles of Shoals. The latter Robert had died twenty-six years before the younger Robert appears as a militiaman at York. About a year before the death of Robert the First, William Pepperell established his fishery at the Isles. We may easily suppose that Robert the Second was a likely youth, and found employment in Pepperell's business, and when Pepperell, after twenty years, removed to the mainland, the young man may have accompanied him to Kittery.

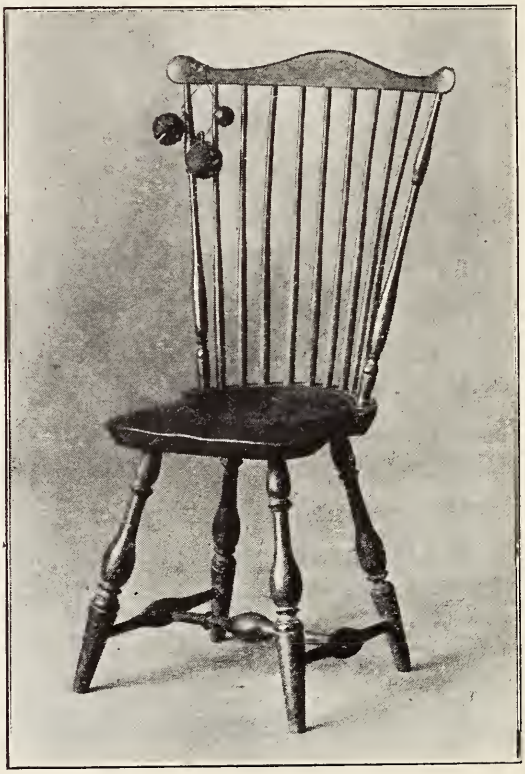
We have already seen substantial reason to suspect, even to believe, that Richard of Portsmouth was a kinsman of Robert of the Isles, in the fact especially that the former participated in the settlement of the latter's estate. Accordingly, Robert of Scarborough, granting the view I am proposing, is, without reasonable doubt, of the Portsmouth Race.*

This discussion is largely in the realm of conjecture. Other solutions of our problem might be proposed, but

* Note that the section of the Isles in which Mr. Munson lived was a part of Portsmouth.

none that I have considered seems substantial. Perhaps my tentative view can neither be proved nor disproved until further knowledge is discovered. But with our present light, the preponderance of probability seems to me to be that Robert of the Isles of Shoals was the father of Robert of Scarborough.*

* The question concerning the relationship of Richard the First and Robert the First has been before the writer for twenty-seven years; and while the question is still a question, he is unaware of any facts or considerations which disprove, or even antagonize, the theory that they were brothers. Should that view be established, we have a dual headship for the Portsmouth Race.



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